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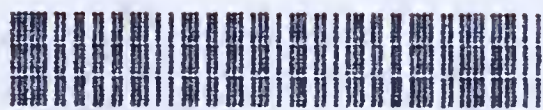
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PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE GRAND
HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF PENNSYLVANIA

AND
MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 27, 1914
BEING ITS ONE HUNDRED *and* NINETEENTH YEAR

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HELD AT

TEMPLE, PHIL

CH 5, 1914, A. I.

PRESENT :

James J. Fox

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Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions HIBBERT P. JOHN, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., EDWARD B. SPENCER, HENRY OSCAR KLINE, J. HENRY WILLIAMS, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, CARL A. SUNDSTROM.

Grand Representatives.

- Comp. FRANK W. MARTENIS, of Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
“ ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of Grand Chapter of California.
“ SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.
“ FRED PAUL SHER, of Grand Chapter of Delaware.
“ FRANKLIN P. MASON, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
“ H. OSCAR KLINE, of Grand Chapter of Florida.
“ GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
“ JOHN A. PERRY, of Grand Chapter of Iowa.
“ SAMUEL W. WRAY, of Grand Chapter of Kansas.
“ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
“ J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.
“ CHARLES E. COOPER, of Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.
“ GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., of Grand Chapter of Nebraska.
“ S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
“ CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
“ EDWARD B. SPENCER, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
“ STOCKTON BATES, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
“ A. HOWARD THOMAS, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
“ HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
“ WINFIELD S. BELL, of Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 150, 152, 165, 169, 171, 175, 176, 182, 183, 185, 186, 189, 190, 192, 196, 197, 198, 201, 202, 203, 208, 216, 219, 220, 227, 232, 233, 234, 237, 238, 240, 241, 243, 245, 246, 247, 248, 250, 251, 256, 258, 262, 266, 267, 270, 271, 274, 277, 283, 284, 291. (56 Chapters.) (152 members.) (31 visitors.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Annual Grand Communication held on St. John's Day, Saturday, December 27, 1913, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed Amendments to By-laws were received from Chapters Nos. 251, 256, 283 and 286 and were referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The following report from the Committee on Jurisprudence was presented and read and the resolution attached thereto was, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted.

PHILADELPHIA, March 3, 1914.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and
Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.*

MOST EXCELLENT SIRS AND COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Jurisprudence respectfully reports that pursuant to a call from the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, a meeting of the Committee was held in the Masonic Temple, on Wednesday, January 14, 1914.

The attention of the Committee was called to the lack of uniformity in the monthly notices sent out by Subordinate Chapters. After due consideration it was resolved that it was the sense of this Committee that these notices should be made uniform throughout the Jurisdiction and to that end directed the Most Excellent Grand Secretary to take the necessary steps to accomplish this result.

The further subject of the apparent conflict between the Constitution and the "Form" of By-laws as adopted by Grand Chapter, *re* resignations as referred to in Article VIII, on page 22 of said Form.

We offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That this subject be referred to the Committee on By-laws. It was further the sense of this Committee that the communication from the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association be left in the hands of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY OSCAR KLINE,
HIBBERT P. JOHN,
CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR.,
J. HENRY WILLIAMS,
WILLIAM B. MEREDITH,
EDWARD B. SPENCER.

The Committee on Finance presented the following QUARTERLY REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, February 27, 1914.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, from November 20, 1913, to February 27, 1914, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$ 9,021 25
“ Interest on Investments	283 75
“ Certificates	6 00
“ Constitutions	11 00
“ Dispensations	4 00
	\$ 9,326 00

All of which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer
and his receipt taken therefor.

To which add Cash on hand November 20, 1913	1,195 05
	\$10,521 05

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest	\$ 1,435 69
Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests	745 69
Salaries	862 50
Clothing and Furniture	27 20
Printing, Postage, Stationery and Incidentals	449 83
Telephone	16 50
Treasurer's Bond	20 00
Expenses Instruction in the Work	12 10
	\$ 3,569 51

To which add Balance February 27, 1914	6,951 54
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\$10,521 05

Respectfully submitted,

M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
J. WAELDER McMULLEN,
Of the Committee.

The Committee on By-laws presented the following report, which was received, and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted.

PHILADELPHIA, March 5, 1914.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-laws has examined the proposed amendments to By-laws referred to it and offers the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the proposed amendments to the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 251, 256 and 286 be approved.

Resolved, That of the proposed amendments to the By-laws of Chapter No. 283, Article II, Section 1, Article IV, Section 6, Article IX, Sections 1 and 2, be approved and that Article X, Section 1, be not approved.

Fraternally submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
HENRY W. SMITH,
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,

Committee.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, March 5, 1914.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing begs leave to report that bids for printing and publishing the Proceedings of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter for the year 1913, were asked from several reputable firms, and the contract was awarded the lowest bidder, MacCalla & Company, Inc.

The work is now being printed in accordance with the terms of the contract, and will be distributed as rapidly as possible.

Fraternally yours,

LOUIS M. WAGNER,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
FRANK E. TOWNSEND,
MURRAY GORGAS,
WESLEY R. MORGAN,

Committee.

General Returns were received from Chapters Nos. 21, 91, 150, 159, 162, 163, 165, 166, 167, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 179, 180, 181, 186, 187, 192, 193, 199, 203, 205, 208, 209, 210, 212, 215, 216, 217, 218, 220, 221, 222, 225, 230, 232, 233, 235, 236, 237, 239, 241, 242, 244, 245, 246, 249, 251, 252, 254, 255, 257, 258, 260, 263, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 271, 272, 273, 274, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 285, 287, 288, 289, 291, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, and Mark Lodges 91 and 216.

A petition was received from a number (52) of Royal Arch Masons for a Warrant for a new Chapter, to be held at Milton, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, to be called Milton Royal Arch Chapter, No. 298.

On motion, duly made and seconded, the petition was referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the death of distinguished Companions, as follows:

M. E. Companion BRADFORD NICHOL, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Tennessee. Died December 3, 1913.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM BEARISTO ALLEY, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia. Died December 30, 1913.

M. E. Companion IRA V. McMILLAN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri. Died December 31, 1913.

M. E. Companion FRANK CRUMIT, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio. Died January 15, 1914.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM YATES TITCOMB, Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama. Died December 23, 1913.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, in words full of sorrow, announced the death of the M. E. Grand Scribe, Companion SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, and that a suitable record may be made, stated that he had requested Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion J. HENRY WILLIAMS, to prepare a memorial to be presented at the June Communication.

A communication was received from Companion DANIEL W. SIMKINS, which was read and referred to the Committee on Appeals.

PHILADELPHIA, February 17, 1914.

*The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and
Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.*

GENTLEMEN AND COMPANIONS:—I have before me an extract of minutes of a stated meeting of Royal Arch Chapter No., held Friday, November 14, 1913, which reads as follows:

“Companion offered the following resolution which was seconded by Companion P. H. P. and P. H. P.:

“ ‘Resolved, That Companion be expelled from membership for gross un-Masonic conduct,’ which was unanimously adopted.”

I am informed that the above action was taken without any previous complaint having been made by any member of Royal Arch Chapter, or without charge or charges in writing made against Companion, or without any charge or charges having been made or filed as provided for in Section 3, Article 19 of the Constitution of Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

I have advised Companion that the proceedings of Royal Arch Chapter No. were not in accordance with the laws of the Grand Chapter and that this was an unusual and unwarranted proceeding.

I wrote to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in reference to this transaction, December 4, 1913, and subsequently had a talk with him in his office in the Masonic Temple regarding it. He then stated that this was a matter for the Committee on Appeals, and I am bringing it to the attention of the Grand Chapter for whatever disposition the situation merits.

I have delayed the matter for the reason that charges have been preferred against Companion in Lodge No., and several hearings have been had under these proceedings, but it does not look as though it will be speedily concluded and that is the reason why I am bringing it to the attention of Grand Chapter at this time.

As I view the situation, the whole proceeding is irregular. I have not consulted the Constitution of the Grand Chapter to learn whether this appeal should be made in any regular form, as it shows on its face that there was nothing happened except that one Companion arose and made a motion which two others seconded; it was then put and carried. No charges having been preferred, nothing remains but to have the proceedings declared null and void.

I therefore hope that you will conduct whatever investigations you may deem necessary, and I am sure your determination will be in accordance with Masonic law and morals.

Awaiting your pleasure in the matter, I beg to remain,

Fraternally yours,

DANIEL W. SIMKINS.

A very cordial communication was received and read from Companion PETER FRANKLIN LINT, “Grand Representative of the Grand Royal Arch”

Chapter of Pennsylvania near the Grand Chapter of California," dated Los Gatos, San Jose, California, February 12, 1914.

Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., craved permission from the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and introduced to Grand Chapter M. E. Companion WALTER LEHMAN WILLIAMSON, Past Grand High Priest and present Grand Master of North Dakota, who replied in a very happy manner, expressing his gratification at being present at a meeting of Grand Chapter in his old home town.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Mark Master Mason's Degree.

A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened, and the Degree of Mark Master Mason was exemplified by the officers of Girard Mark Lodge No. 214, Brother WILLIAM G. SPEIER, as Worshipful Master, assisted by the officers of the Mark Lodge.

The Lodge of Mark Master Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on".

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and fifty minutes P. M.

STOCKTON BATES,

Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA

JUNE 4, A. D. 1914, A. I. 2444.

PRESENT:

Comp. GEORGE B. WELLS, . . . *M.E. Grand High Priest.*

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, P.G.H.P.,
acting *M. E. Grand King.*

“ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, P.G.H.P.,
acting *M. E. Grand Scribe.*

“ EDWARD B. SPENCER, . . . *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*

“ STOCKTON BATES, . . . *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

“ REV. EDWARD W. RUSHTON, . *Grand Chaplain.*

“ THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., . *Grand Captain of the Host.*

“ BENJAMIN EISEMAN, . . . *Grand Principal Sojourner.*

“ AUGUST P. KUNZIG, . . . *Grand Royal Arch Captain.*

“ ROBERT A. WALKER, . . . *Grand Master of the Third Vail.*

“ BERTRAM D. REARICK, . . . *Grand Master of the Second Vail.*

“ J. WILLIAM PANCOAST, . . . *Grand Master of the First Vail.*

“ JOSEPH E. QUINBY, . . . *Grand Marshal.*

“ ROBERT D. COLE, . . . as *Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies*.

“ GEORGE P. DARROW, . . . *Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*

“ CHARLES S. WOOD, . . . *Grand Pursuivant.*

“ WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, . . . *Grand Tyler.*

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, ROBERT G. SMITH, CHARLES R. ROBERTS, J. HOWARD S. BARNES, DAVID J. DAVIS, PETER K. FILBERT, WILLIAM F. SHAY, HENRY M. KINSEL, O. BRUCE PORTER, JOHN A. ARMSTRONG.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions HIBBERT P. JOHN, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., EDWARD B. SPENCER, J. HENRY WILLIAMS, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, CARL A. SUNDSTROM, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, GEORGE B. WELLS.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. FRANK W. MARTENIS, of Grand Chapter of Arkansas.

“ ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of Grand Chapter of California.

“ SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.

Comp. FRANKLIN P. MASON, of Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia.

“ GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.

“ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.

“ J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.

“ GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., of Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

“ S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.

“ A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

“ CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.

“ EDWARD B. SPENCER, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.

“ STOCKTON BATES, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.

“ A. HOWARD THOMAS, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.

“ HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.

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The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, March 5, 1914, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-laws from Chapters Nos. 52, 198, 218, 297 and 298, and of proposed Amendments to By-laws from Chapters Nos. 182, 183, 191, 203, 230, 233, 252 and 262, were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Committee on Finance presented the following

QUARTERLY REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, May 29, 1914.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, from February 27, 1914, to May 29, 1914, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$1,236 70	
“ Certificates	6 00	
“ Constitutions	4 00	
“ Interest on Investments	450 00	
“ “ “ Balances	48 47	
“ Warrants	200 00	
		\$1,945 17
All of which was paid over to the Grand Treasurer and his receipt taken therefor.		
To which add Balance February 27, 1914		6,951 54
		\$8,896 71

EXPENDITURES.

Clothing and Furniture	\$ 35 45	
Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests	204 47	
Printing, Postage, Stationery and Incidentals	256 77	
Salaries	987 50	
Telephone	46 40	
Investments	1,500 00	
		\$3,030 59
To which add Balance May 29, 1914	5,866 12	
		\$8,896 71

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
Committee.

The Committee on By-laws presented the following report, which was received, and the resolutions attached were adopted.

PHILADELPHIA, June 4, 1914.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-laws has examined the proposed By-laws and proposed Amendments to By-laws referred to it, and offers the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the proposed By-laws of Chapters Nos. 52, 198, 218, 297 and 298 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 182, 183, 191, 203, 233, 252 and 262 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to the By-laws of Chapter No. 230 be amended as noted on the copy, and that as so amended it be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
HENRY W. SMITH,
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,

Committee.

A General Return was received from Chapter No. 204.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion HUGH KIRKWOOD, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota. Died February 15, 1914.

M. E. Companion THOMAS OLIVER AYERS, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Jersey. Died February 28, 1914.

M. E. Companion JOHN WALDEN LANDRUM, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons. Died March 14, 1914.

M. E. Companion JAMES RILEY MAYHAN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas. Died March 16, 1914.

M. E. Companion FERDINAND J. S. GORGAS, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Maryland. Died April 8, 1914.

At the request of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion J. HENRY WILLIAMS read the following beautiful and impressive eulogy on the late Grand Scribe, M. E. Companion SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, which was received with marked attention by the Companions.

The resolutions attached to the In Memoriam were adopted, and it was directed that an engrossed copy be prepared and sent to the family of the deceased and that the entire paper be published with the proceedings.

In Memoriam

SAMUEL LAUGHLIN,
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND SCRIBE

OF

THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA
AND MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING.

Born, September 20, 1851.
Ceased Labor, January 26, 1914.

In the full vigor of a sturdy manhood, a strong physical capacity and a mentality noted for its clearness of perception, a courage of its convictions and an indomitable will power, that spark of immortality, known and loved by us as SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, faded from our sight to take its place in the realms of an eternal sphere beyond.

“To him, who, in the love of nature holds
Communion with her visible forms, she speaks
A various language.”

As this is true in

“The hills.
Rock-ribbed, and ancient as the sun; the vales
Stretching in pensive quietness beyond;
The venerable woods; rivers that move
In majesty, and the complaining brooks
That make the meadow green,”

So it is true in the human soul—that created in the image of the Creator.

Through life we meet with sunlight and shadow, with the strong and with the weak, the builder and the destroyer. Indeed, life is so complex with its many, many contradictions, that we are wont to pause and wonder what is this thing we finites call life. Is it the beginning—is it the end—or is it only a continuation?

Whatever it may be, we can truthfully bear our testimony in witness of an honorable performance of the allotted task by him whom we at this time miss and mourn in an untimely departure.

It is, however, of his Masonic worth that we would now bear witness.

Made a Mason in Lodge No. 3, January 21, 1873, when the Fraternity was in its hey-day of revival, at or about the time of the dedication of the Temple in which we now meet, we find him making the usual and graduated progress through Lodge, Chapter and Commandery. It was not, however, until 1899 that we find him in official life in the Lodge, although he became Scribe of his Chapter in 1894.

His Masonic record is as follows:

Lodge No. 3.—Entered Apprentice, January 21, 1873; Fellow Craft, February 18, 1873; Master Mason, March 18, 1873; Junior Warden, 1899; Senior Warden, 1900; Worshipful Master, 1901; Representative in Grand Lodge, 1907 to Death.

Grand Lodge.—Committee on Temple, December 27, 1913, to Death.

St. John Royal Arch Chapter No. 232.—Mark Master Mason, December 2, 1873; Most Excellent Master Mason, January 6, 1874; Royal Arch Mason, January 6, 1874; Scribe, 1894; King, 1895; High Priest, 1896; Representative in Grand Chapter, 1904 to 1913.

Grand Chapter.—M. E. Grand Scribe, December 27, 1912, to Death; Representative—Grand Chapter of Washington, 1910 to Death.

Philadelphia Council No. 11.—Royal Master Mason, January 10, 1908; Select Master Mason, March 13, 1908; Super-Excellent Master Mason, May 8, 1908.

St. John's Commandery No. 4.—Red Cross, February 27, 1874; Knight Templar, May 22, 1874; Knight of Malta, May 22, 1874; Generalissimo, 1899; Eminent Commander, 1900; Treasurer, 1906 to Death.

Grand Commandery.—Grand Warder, 1912.

A. & A. Scottish Rite.—Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection, 4° to 14°, October 21, 1892; De Joinville Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 15° and 16°, October 21, 1892; Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix de H. R. D. M., 17° and 18°, November 18, 1892; Philadelphia Consistory, S. P. R. S., 19° to 32°, December 16, 1892.

Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection.—Junior Warden, June, 1907, to June, 1909; Senior Warden, June, 1909, to June, 1911; Deputy Master, June, 1911, to June, 1912; Thrice Potent Master, June, 1912, to June, 1913.

De Joinville Council, Princes of Jerusalem.—Senior Warden, June, 1908, to June, 1910; High Priest, June, 1910, to June, 1912; Sovereign Prince, June, 1912, to June, 1913.

Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.—Elected Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, September 19, 1907;

Crowned Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, September 15, 1908.

To coldly and analytically sum up the lessons of the life of one so closely and intimately associated with us is a difficult task—indeed, one almost beyond the realm of accomplishment. As we strive to do it, the emotions of a long and sincere friendship well up and prevent us doing full justice to the subject at hand.

His was that quality of friendship described by one—I know not who—when it is said:

“Oh, the comfort, the inexpressible comfort, of feeling safe with a person—having neither to weigh thought or measure words, but pouring them all right out just as they are, chaff and grain together; certain that a faithful hand will take and sift them, keep what is worth keeping, and with a breath of comfort blow the rest away!”

To speak of him as a good man and a good MASON is almost a work of supererogation—of course he was all that and more. He was a man who, from his very essence, had strong likes and dislikes. He made strong, warm and firm friends and kept them. Withal, his strength many times, to use a paradox, was but the evidence of a warm, kindly nature underneath that he sought to hide with an outward appearance of brusqueness, foreign to his real feelings of gentleness and charity.

A devoted husband and father, his departure has caused an aching void, a break in the scheme of life that cannot be filled—a space that will never be occupied.

We, his friends and companions, as we mourn his absence in the material sense, may even comfort ourselves with the sweet remembrance of the memory of him who, whilst with us, wrought faithfully and well.

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania has lost a faithful and efficient officer, and we who were associated with him a sincere and devoted friend.

Resolved, That a steel-plate engraving of M. E. Companion SAMUEL LAUGHLIN be procured and appear as a part of the proceedings of Grand Chapter for the year 1914.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Most Excellent Master Mason's Degree.

A Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was opened, and the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason was exemplified by Companion JOHN Y. PENNYPACKER, Most Excellent Master of Phoenix Royal Arch Chapter No. 198, of Phoenixville, Pa., assisted by HARRY GROVER, Senior Warden; WILLIAM KEENAN, Junior Warden, assisted by officers of the Chapter.

The Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on".

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and fifteen minutes P. M.

STOCKTON BATES,
Grand Secretary.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of Grand Chapter of California.

“ SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.

“ FRED PAUL SHER, of Grand Chapter of Delaware.

“ FRANKLIN P. MASON, of Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia.

“ CHARLES D. WEIRICK, of Grand Chapter of Georgia.

“ HOWARD M. BROWN, of Grand Chapter of Idaho.

“ GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.

“ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.

“ J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.

“ CHARLES E. COOPER, of Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.

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“ EDWARD B. SPENCER, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.

“ STOCKTON BATES, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.

“ A. HOWARD THOMAS, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.

“ PETER BARKEY, of Grand Chapter of South Dakota.

“ HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.

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The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, June 4, 1914, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed Amendments to the By-laws of Girard Mark Lodge No. 214 and Chapters Nos. 179 and 202 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

M. E. Companion ARTHUR WARREN, Grand High Priest; R. E. Companion JARED A. REED, Grand King; R. E. Companion C. WESLEY ORR, Grand

Scribe; M. E. Companion CHARLES C. HUNT, Grand Secretary; R. E. and REV. PIERRE CUSHING, Grand Chaplain; R. E. Companion ERNEST L. SIMPSON, Grand Captain of the Host; R. E. Companion PERCY W. WILLARD, Grand Principal Sojourner; R. E. Companion GEORGE LEWIS, Grand Master of the Third Vail, all of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York.

M. E. Companion EUGENE HAMMOND, Grand High Priest; R. E. Companion JOHN N. MILLER, Grand Secretary and Grand Representative; R. E. Companion WARREN S. SEIPP, Grand Lecturer, all of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland.

M. E. Companion PETER MCGILL, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary; M. E. Companions HENRY S. HAINES, ABRAM A. REGER, LORENZO D. SANBORN, Past Grand High Priests; M. E. Companion EDWARD MILLS, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Treasurer; Companion ALBERT LEON, Grand Master of the Second Vail, all of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New Jersey.

R. E. Companion ALEXANDER J. TAYLOR, Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion JAMES B. BROAD, Grand Instructor of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Delaware, were pleased to Honor the Grand Chapter with their presence.

The Committee on Appeals made the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, September 3, 1914.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the communication of Companion relative to the expulsion of Companion Daniel W. Simpkins, from , respectfully report as follows:

A meeting of the Committee was held at the office of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest on April 6, 1914, at which meeting were present Companion with his counsel, Companion Simpkins, and the following officers of Chapter: Companions

From the statements made by the parties to the Committee the following facts were elicited:

At the stated meeting of the Chapter on, a ballot was taken for the approval or rejection of a candidate, and the ballot having been unfavorable, Companion was believed to have cast the only black ball and was accused of having improperly cast it; it being further alleged that Companion had on former occasions been guilty of similar misconduct. Thereupon, at the same meeting, the following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted:

“*Resolved*, That Companion be expelled from membership in this Chapter for gross un-Masonic conduct.”

No charge in writing was preferred,—other than that contained in the resolution,—and no trial was had in accordance with Article XIX of the Constitution. Companion was present throughout the proceedings but made no admission of guilt.

The action of the Chapter is defended upon the grounds (1) that the members of the Chapter were satisfied of the gross un-Masonic conduct of the accused Companion, (2) that he was guilty of such impropriety of conduct as disturbed the peace and harmony of the Chapter, and (3) that a majority of the members present had the power to inflict such penalty as they deemed proper,—extending even to expulsion.

We cannot accept these views as sound in principle or as safe in their consequences. It is undoubtedly true that the improper use of the ballot is un-Masonic conduct for which the penalty of expulsion may be inflicted upon proper procedure and proof. But, on the other hand, the freedom and sanctity of the ballot are of such high importance for the protection of the Fraternity that too much care cannot be exercised both as to the manner of inquiring into its misuse and as to the infliction of punishment for alleged misuse. We need not consider here what kind of evidence of misuse of the ballot should be permitted or required, or how far the power of

“the members present” to inflict punishment for impropriety of speech or conduct may in some cases extend. We believe it would be stretching the power implied in the ancient formula too far to sustain the action of this Chapter in this case, and that to permit summary expulsion by a resolution immediately following an alleged misuse of the ballot would be establishing a precedent the injurious consequences of which to the Fraternity cannot easily be estimated. Proceedings for expulsion for such cause should be under all the safeguards of Article XIX of the Constitution.

We therefore recommend that the action of Chapter No.... in expelling Companion be set aside and annulled and that he be restored to membership therein, without prejudice to the right of the Chapter to proceed upon formal charges, if such course be deemed proper.

We have not overlooked the fact that the communication of Companion Simpkins is not in proper form as an appeal from the action of the Chapter. It might have been returned, with the suggestion that an appeal be taken in the manner prescribed by the Constitution. But the Grand Chapter having received and acted upon it so far as to refer it to this Committee and the Committee being satisfied, upon the facts elicited at the hearing of the parties, that the action of the Chapter involves a grave departure from Masonic usages and could not be sustained upon an appeal, we feel justified in making the foregoing recommendations.

ADOLPH EICHHOLZ,
J. HENRY WILLIAMS,
MICHAEL W. JACOBS,

Chairman.

On motion of Companion WILLIAM R. MURPHY, action on the report was deferred until the Quarterly Communication in December.

The Committee on Finance made the following

QUARTERLY REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, August 31, 1914.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, from May 29, 1914, to August 31, 1914, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$ 141 45	
“ Certificates	10 00	
“ Constitutions	3 00	
“ Interest on Investments	303 75	
		\$ 458 20
All of which was paid over to the Grand Treasurer and his receipt taken therefor.		
To which add Balance May 29, 1914		5,866 12
		<u>\$6,324 32</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Clothing and Furniture	\$ 17 50	
Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest	1,000 00	
Instruction in Work	243 76	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	754 61	
Salaries	987 50	
Telephone	25 55	
		\$3,028 92
To which add Balance August 31, 1914	3,295 40	
		<u>\$6,324 32</u>

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
J. WAELDER McMULLEN,
W. M. DONALDSON,

Committee.

The Committee on By-laws presented the following report, which was received, and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted.

PHILADELPHIA, August 31, 1914.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-laws beg leave to report that they have examined the Amendments to By-laws submitted to them, and respectfully offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to By-laws of Chapters Nos. 179 and 202, be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to the By-laws of Mark Lodge No. 214, be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
HENRY W. SMITH,
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,

Committee.

The Most Excellent Grand Secretary presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, September 3, A. D. 1914.

*To the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania,
and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.*

COMPANIONS:—The Grand Secretary presents the Annual Report of the Work and Membership of the Chapters and Mark Lodges of the Jurisdiction for the year ending December 27, 1913, as follows:

CHAPTERS.

Membership, December 27, 1912, as per last report	33,188	
Admitted during the year 1913	164	
Restored to Membership	88	
Marked, etc.	1,828	2,080
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Total		35,268

Deduct.

Died during the year 1913	568	
Resigned, or Membership ceased	241	
Suspended or Expelled	322	1,131
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Membership, December 27, 1913, per returns	34,137
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A net gain of	949
Rejected during 1913	98
Restored to G. M. S.	29

MARK LODGES.

Membership, December 27, 1912		369
Marked	1	
Admitted	2	3
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Total		372
Died during the year 1913		26
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Membership, December 27, 1913		346
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Number of Chapters, December 27, 1913	138	
Number of Mark Lodges	3	

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

STOCKTON BATES,

Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS

From General Returns of Chapters to December 27,
1913.

No.	NAME	MARKED	ADM.	DIED	RES.	SUS.	MEMB.
3	Jerusalem	33	1	15	2	9	680
21	Perseverance	9	1	5	2		311
43		12		8		1	354
52	Harmony	40	3	30	8	15	1,209
91	Columbia	47	1	10	3	5	774
150	Washington	11	4	1	1	6	272
152	Reading	8		8	2		242
159	Schuylkill	2		1			50
161	Union	2		4	1		209
162	Zerubbabel	31	5	18	9	11	1,165
163	La Fayette	8		2			158
164	Brownsville	8		1	1		154
165	Union	7	5	3		8	232
166	Mount Moriah	3		1		1	109
167	Eureka	13	2	3	1	2	156
169	Philadelphia	12	2	6	3		250
170	Delta	12	2	3	1	3	353
171	St. John's	5		2		1	140
172	Temple	4					115
173	Easton	14	2	9	2	5	306
174	Northumberland	8		2	1	2	146
175	Keystone	42	2	14	2	5	661
176	George Washington	12	1	5	1	1	152
177	Tamaqua	2		1			77
178	Catawissa	4	1				44
179	Eureka	19		4			178
180	Warren	1				1	46
181	Lilly	3		1			132
182	Shekinah	9		11	2	7	352
183	Oriental	52	3	28	4		1,248
185	Lackawanna	10	3	8	2	8	428
186	Lewistown	6				1	109
187	Oriental	2	1		1	1	90
189	Mountain	17	4	7		9	374
190	Norristown	21	1	10	1	2	421
191	Solomon	19	1	1	1	1	107

No.	NAME	MARKED	ADM.	DIED	RES.	SUS.	MEMB.
192	Urania	15		4		6	342
193	Duquesne	47	1	15	7	4	977
194	Tioga	3		4		6	54
195	Portage	11		3			265
196	Mountain City	5	3	2	1	1	173
197	Weidle	14		2		2	187
198	Phoenix	13	1	2		2	251
199	Howell		2	3		26	228
200	Columbus	4		1	2		100
201	Standing Stone	1		3		1	102
202	Howell	14		5			155
203	Allen	14	1	6	2	2	293
204	Anthony Wayne	8		2	3	1	91
205	Factoryville	2				4	67
206	Harmony	9		2			216
207	Aaron	1	1			4	73
208	Germantown	15	1	9	1	2	326
209	Samuel C. Perkins	1		1	2		80
210	Great Bend	1				2	31
211	Venango	14	1	7	3	15	209
212	Mound	14	1	2	1	5	213
214	Valley	4	1	2	2	1	83
215	Temple	15		7	2	1	394
216	Zinzendorf	11		1	2		116
217	Allegheny	43	1	9		1	812
218	Bloomsburg	1		1			90
219	Griscom	3		1			113
220	Fort Washington	2	3	2		1	86
221	Tremont	4		3			80
222	Lycoming	24		6	3	1	466
223	Oxford		1	1			110
224	Corinthian	7		2			128
225	Jefferson	11	1	7	2		283
226	Siloam	18	3	8	5	2	297
227	Emporium	4		3		3	95
228	Clearfield	25	1	3		12	202
230	Elk	15				1	162
232	St. John	16	3	6	2	5	273
233	Kensington	42	3	19	2	3	531
234	Media	9	2	1			134
235	Occidental	10	2	1	1		169

No.	NAME	MARKED	ADM.	DIED	RES.	SUS.	MEMB.
236	Oil City	8	4	3	1	8	241
237	Excelsior	13	1	10	1		471
238	Newport	4		1	1		70
239	Danville	1	1		1	4	75
240	Palestine	47	1	15	8	10	636
241	Bellefonte	1		2			94
242	Pittston	4	2	5	1	2	169
243	T. B. Freeman	34	5	21	4	3	837
244	Norman	33	1	5	1		223
245	Abington	6		1	2	1	135
246	Warrior Run	6		1			155
247	Orient	13		6	2	1	257
248	Temple	26		8	2		300
249	Monongahela	4	2	2		1	198
250	Corinthian	11	1	16	1	1	347
251	Signet	17		5	4	3	245
252	Mizpah	6		1		1	94
254	Arnold	1		1	1		45
255	Bedford	3	1	1			91
256	University	97	10	9	4	6	792
257	Shiloh	18	2	6	4	19	602
258	Chester	15		4	3	4	381
259	Eden	5			2		183
260	Bradford	8	6	7		12	260
261	Troy	6	1	1	1	1	86
262	Montgomery	9		1	3	2	222
263	Coudersport	4		3	1		89
264	Shamokin	9		1	1	3	151
265	Westfield	6		1			42
266	Good Samaritan	5	1		2	1	108
267	Coatesville	14				2	192
268	Pittsburgh	26	1	6	19	1	546
269	Ulysses	1		2		1	48
270	Doylestown	2		4	1		124
271	Pottstown	15	2	2	2	3	208
272	Hebron	6	1	1		1	94
273	Butler	14	7	1	1	2	254
274	Bangor	7		2			105
275	Kennett	5		2			71
276	The Susquehanna	2			1		70
277	Hazleton	8		3	1	3	171

No.	NAME	MARKED	ADM.	DIED	RES.	SUS.	MEMB.
278	Catasauqua	8	1	2	50		112
279	Kane	1	1	1			88
280	Cyrus	23	3	2	1	5	332
281	Monroe	2		3	1		119
282	McKeesport	56		2		1	629
283	Connellsville	12		2	1	2	153
284	Melita	47	2	4	1		703
285	Wilkinsburg	29	3	2	11		334
286	Bellevue	27		1			284
287	Nanticoke	1			1		30
288	Mizpeh	6		2			214
289	Valley	11		2			160
290	Monessen	7		2	1		145
291	Ezra	5			1	1	93
292	Slatington	4		2			64
293	Amity	11		1		1	77
294	Darius	9	1	2			73
295	Siegfried	12	53				65
296	Zebulun	11	14				25
297	Homewood	48	46				94
		1828	252	568	238	325	34,137

A communication was received from Chapter No. 278, asking permission to receive a fourth petition from Brother JACOB EDWARD SHEAFFER, who was thrice rejected in said Chapter, whereupon it was, on motion duly made and seconded, *Resolved*, that permission be granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was received from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, Canada, requesting fraternal recognition and the exchange of fraternal Representatives, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The distinguished Companions, visitors from the Jurisdictions of New York, Maryland, New Jersey

and Delaware replied in most pleasing manner to the invitation of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, expressing their pleasure in being present and witnessing the work in Grand Chapter.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest announced the death of the M. E. Grand King, Companion WINFIELD SCOTT BELL, informing Grand Chapter that a suitable In Memoriam would be prepared and delivered at the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Chapter.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion JAMES ALONZO PINNEY, Past Grand High Priest of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Idaho. Died February 4, 1914.

M. E. Companion LLEWELYN CLAY MARSHALL, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Oregon Royal Arch Masons. Died June 14, 1914.

M. E. Companion FRED WASHBON, Past Grand High Priest of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas. Died July 12, 1914.

M. E. Companion JAMES DANIEL RICHARDSON, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Tennessee. Died July 24, 1914.

R. E. Companion WILLIAM SPRIGGS, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of North Dakota. Died June 10, 1914.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Royal Arch Degree.

A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened, and the degree of Royal Arch Mason was exemplified by Companion WILLIAM H. YOUNG, M. E. High Priest of Montgomery Royal Arch Chapter No. 262, assisted by Companions FRANK W. McCURDY as King, and CHARLES F. HARTLEY as Scribe.

The Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on".

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and twenty-five minutes P. M.

STOCKTON BATES,

Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA

DECEMBER 3, A. D. 1914, A. I. 2444.

PRESENT:

Comp. GEORGE B. WELLS, . . . *M. E. Grand High Priest.*

“ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, P.G.H.P.,

acting M. E. Grand King.

“ J. HENRY WILLIAMS, P.G.H.P.,

acting M. E. Grand Scribe.

“ EDWARD B. SPENCER, . . . *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*

“ STOCKTON BATES, . . . *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

“ EDWARD W. RUSHTON, . . . *Grand Chaplain.*

“ THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., . *Grand Captain of the Host.*

“ BENJAMIN EISEMAN, . . . *Grand Principal Sojourner.*

“ AUGUST P. KUNZIG, . . . *Grand Royal Arch Captain.*

“ ROBERT A. WALKER, . . . *Grand Master of the Third Vail.*

“ BERTRAM D. REARICK, . . . *Grand Master of the Second Vail.*

“ J. WILLIAM PANCOAST, . . . *Grand Master of the First Vail.*

“ JOSEPH E. QUINBY, . . . *Grand Marshal.*

“ JAMES ANDREW GIBSON, . . . *Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*

“ GEORGE P. DARROW, . . . *Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*

“ CHARLES S. WOOD, . . . *Grand Pursuivant.*

“ WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, . . . *Grand Tyler.*

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions PAUL J. PONTIUS, ROBERT G. SMITH, SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, MILTON E. GINGRICH, CHARLES R. ROBERTS, DAVID J. DAVIS, HENRY L. MOORE, PETER K. FILBERT, WILLIAM F. SHAY, ARTHUR W. GILLAN, HENRY M. KINSEL, HENRY HIPPLE, O. BRUCE PORTER, THOMAS J. MELVIN, PORTER W. LOWRY, EDWARD HOPE, EDMUND W. BOOTS, JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, ALLAN W. URMSON, PETER BARKEY.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions HIBBERT P. JOHN, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., EDWARD B. SPENCER, HENRY OSCAR KLINE, J. HENRY WILLIAMS, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, CARL A. SUNDSTROM, GEORGE B. WELLS.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. FRANK W. MARTENIS, of Grand Chapter of Arkansas.

“ ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of Grand Chapter of California.

“ SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.

Comp. IRA GEORGE ROSS, of Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

“ FRED PAUL SHER, of Grand Chapter of Delaware.

“ FRANKLIN P. MASON, of Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia.

“ H. OSCAR KLINE, of Grand Chapter of Florida.

“ CHARLES D. WEIRICK, of Grand Chapter of Georgia.

“ HOWARD M. BROWN, of Grand Chapter of Idaho.

“ GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.

“ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.

“ J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.

“ CHARLES E. COOPER, of Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.

“ WILLIAM H. DENLINGER, of Grand Chapter of Minnesota.

“ J. MURRAY AFRICA, of Grand Chapter of Mississippi.

“ GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., of Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

“ J. HENRY LAPE, of Grand Chapter of Nevada.

“ S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.

“ WILLIAM S. SEMPLE, of Grand Chapter of New Jersey.

“ CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.

“ EDWARD B. SPENCER, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.

“ STOCKTON BATES, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.

“ A. HOWARD THOMAS, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.

“ PETER BARKEY, of Grand Chapter of South Dakota.

“ HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.

“ FRED M. SMITH, of Grand Chapter of Texas.

“ WILLIAM E. PERRY, of Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 150, 152, 159, 161, 162, 163, 165, 166, 167, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 185, 186, 189, 190, 192, 193, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 205, 206, 208, 209, 210, 211, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 230, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 251, 252, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 266, 267, 268, 270, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 295, 297, 298. (123 Chapters.) (381 members.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at two o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, September 3, 1914, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-laws and Amendments to By-laws from Chapters Nos. 262, 277 and 280 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Trustees made the following report, which was received and ordered spread in full upon the Minutes:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 3, 1914.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Trustees of the Grand Chapter present this, their Sixth Annual Report:

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT.

Consisting of the following securities:

One	(1)	\$1000	Certificate No. 352, Series M, City of Philadelphia 3 per cent. Loan of 1893, principal due December 31, 1917, interest due January 1 and July 1	\$1,000 00
One	(1)	\$1000	Certificate No. 550, Series G, City of Philadelphia 3 per cent. Loan of 1898, principal due December 31, 1914, interest due January 1 and July 1	1,000 00
One	(1)	\$1000	Certificate No. 317, School, City of Philadelphia 3½ per cent. Loan of 1902, principal due July 1, 1932, interest due January 1 and July 1	1,000 00
One	(1)	\$500	Certificate No. 321, School, City of Philadelphia 3½ per cent. Loan of 1904, principal due July 1, 1934, interest due January 1 and July 1	500 00
Five	(5)	\$1000	Electric & Peoples Stock Trust Certificates 4 per cent., Nos. A9448, 9449, 9450, 9451 and 9452, principal due 1945, interest due April 1 and October 1	5,000 00
Five	(5)	\$1000	Bonds, Pennsylvania Company Gold Loan 4 per cent., Nos. 5976, 5977, 5978, 5979 and 5980, principal due April 1, 1931, interest due April 1 and October 1	5,000 00

Five	(5)	\$1000	Bonds, Reading Company, Jersey Central Col- lateral Gold 4 per cent., Nos. 19953, 19954, 19955, 19956 and 19957, principal due April 1, 1951, interest due April 1 and October 1 ..	5,000 00
Two	(2)	\$1000	Bonds, Market Street Elevated Passenger Railway, Gold 4 per cent., Nos. 8630 and 8897, principal due May 1, 1955, interest due May 1 and November 1	2,000 00
Three	(3)	\$1000	Bonds, Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Gold 4 per cent., Nos. 53232, 53233 and 59829, principal due May 1, 1948, interest due May 1 and November 1	3,000 00
Five	(5)	\$1000	Bonds, Reading Company, General Mortgage 4 per cent., Nos. M32555, 32556, 42522, 47884 and 62867, principal due January 1, 1997, in- terest due January 1 and July 1	5,000 00
One	(1)	\$1000	Bond, Borough of Sheraden, Allegheny County, 5 per cent., No. 5 Funding Bond, Series H, principal due November 1, 1917, interest due May 1 and November 1 (Princi- pal Registered)	1,000 00
One	(1)	\$1000	Bond, Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad, First Mortgage 3½ per cent., No. M2044, principal due June 1, 1997, interest due June 1 and December 1	1,000 00
One	(1)	\$1000	Bond, Philadelphia & Erie Central 5 per cent. (now First Mortgage), No. 11233, prin- cipal due July 1, 1920, interest due April 1 and October 1	1,000 00
Six	(6)	\$1000	Bonds, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. & A. M., Masonic Home Loan, Nos. 126, 127, 323, 328, 329 and 465, interest 4 per cent., due January 1 and July 1 (Principal due July 1, 1931), may be called after September 1, 1916	6,000 00
Four	(4)	\$500	Bonds, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. & A. M., Masonic Home Loan, Nos. 75, 116, 157 and 158, interest 4 per cent., due January 1 and July 1 (Principal due July 1, 1931— may be called after September 1, 1916)	2,000 00
Making total par value of				<u>\$39,500 00</u>

INCOME ACCOUNT.

1913.			
December	1,	Check—Lake Shore & Michigan Southern ...	\$ 17 50
1914.			
January	1,	Check—Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on Masonic Home Loan	110 00
	2,	Coupons—Reading General 4s	100 00
		Check—City of Philadelphia 3 per cent. Loan,	30 00
		Check—City of Philadelphia 3½ per cent. Loan	26 25
April	3,	Check—Electric & People's 4s	100 00
		Check—Philadelphia & Erie 5s	25 00
		Coupons—Pennsylvania Railroad Company 4s,	100 00
		Coupons—Reading Company 4s	100 00
May	13,	Coupons—Market Street Elevated Passenger Railway Company 4s, due May 1, 1914	40 00
		Coupons—Borough of Sheraden 5s, due May 1	25 00
		Coupons—Philadelphia & Reading Co., Coal and Iron Company	100 00
	22,	Check—Pennsylvania Railroad Company Con- solidated Mortgage, due May 1	60 00
June	1,	Check—Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company, due June 1	17 50
July	1,	Check—Interest on Masonic Home Loan	130 00
	9,	Check—City of Philadelphia Loan 3½s	26 25
		Check—City of Philadelphia Loan 3s	30 00
October	1,	Check—Philadelphia & Erie General Mortgage 5s	25 00
		Coupons—Reading Company, Jersey Central 4s	100 00
		Coupons—Pennsylvania Company 4s	100 00
		Check—Electric & People's 4s	100 00
November	2,	Check—Pennsylvania Railroad Company 4s, due 1948	60 00
	14,	Coupon—Borough of Sheraden 5s, due No- vember 1	25 00
		Coupons—Market Street Passenger Railway Company 4s	40 00
			<u>\$1,487 50</u>

All of which was paid over to the Most Excellent Grand Secretary immediately upon its collection, and his receipt taken therefor.

On December 31, 1914, there will fall due \$1000 of the City of Philadelphia Loan.

In order that it may be collected when due, the adoption of the following resolution is recommended:

“*Resolved*, That the Trustees, J. Henry Williams, Edward Perry and Charles Chipman be and they are hereby authorized to receive payment of \$1000 (Certificate No. 550, Series G, 3 per cent. Loan of 1898) of the Loans of the City of Philadelphia now standing in the name of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and J. Henry Williams, Edward Perry and Charles Chipman, Trustees of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, belonging to this Grand Chapter and maturing December 31, 1914.

Fraternally submitted,

J. HENRY WILLIAMS,

EDWARD PERRY,

CHARLES CHIPMAN,

Trustees of the G. H. R. A. Chapter.

On motion duly made and seconded, the resolution attached to the report of the Trustees was adopted.

The Committee on Finance made the following

QUARTERLY REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, November 27, 1914.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer, and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, from September 1, 1914, to November 20, 1914, and find them correct and agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$2,620 05	
“ Interest on Investments	450 00	
“ Constitutions	2 00	
“ Interest on Deposits	32 80	
“ Certificates	10 00	
“ Dispensations	1 00	
“ Postage	12	
	<u>\$3,115 97</u>	
To which add Balance August 31, 1914	3,295 40	
Total		<u><u>\$6,411 37</u></u>

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest	\$1,000 00
“ “ D. D. Grand High Priests	32 00
Rent	1,650 00
Salaries	987 50
Printing, Postage	298 59
Telephone Service	29 90
Investments	1,000 00
The Masonic Home of Pennsylvania	500 00

\$5,497 99

To which add Balance on November 20, 1914 913 38

\$6,411 37

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
W. M. DONALDSON,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
J. WAELDER McMULLEN,

Committee.

The Committee on Finance made the following Annual Report and Estimate for the year 1915, which was received and the resolution attached was, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted.

ANNUAL REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, November 27, 1914.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that it has examined the accounts and securities held by the Trustees, which show an invested fund of \$39,500, as fully set forth in their Annual Report to Grand Chapter.

The Committee has also examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, for the

fiscal year ending November 20, 1914, and find them correct and agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$13,019 45
“ Interest on Investments	1,487 50
“ “ “ Balances	81 27
“ Certificates	32 00
“ Dispensations	5 00
“ Constitutions	20 00
“ Warrants	200 00
“ Postage	12
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	\$14,845 34
To which add Balance November 20, 1913	1,195 05
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	\$16,040 39

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest	\$3,000 00
“ “ D. D. Grand High Priests	1,417 85
Salaries	3,825 00
Clothing and Furniture	80 15
Printing, Postage and Stationery	1,759 80
Telephone Service	118 35
Instructor in Work and Installing Officers	255 86
Investments	2,500 00
The Masonic Home of Pennsylvania	500 00
Rent	1,650 00
Treasurer's Bond	20 00
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	\$15,127 01
To which add Balance November 20, 1914	913 38
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	\$16,040 39

The Charity and Emergency Relief Fund, as per last

report, showed a balance of	\$1,159 59
Add Interest to March 1, 1914	11 46
Add Interest to September 1, 1914	11 81
Add Interest to November 20, 1914	5 25

\$1,188 11

The Committee presents the following estimates for the year ending November 20, 1915:

Balance on hand November 20, 1914 \$ 913 38

RECEIPTS.

Receipts from Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$13,000 00	
Interest on Investments	1,500 00	
Constitutions, Dispensations, Certificates, etc.	25 00	14,525 00
		<u>\$15,438 38</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest	\$ 3,000 00	
Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests	1,500 00	
Masonic Home of Pennsylvania	500 00	
Salaries—M. E. Grand Secretary	\$2,000 00	
Grand Secretary Emeritus	500 00	
Assistant Grand Secretary	1,200 00	
Grand Tyler	250 00	
		<u>3,950 00</u>
Printing, Postage, Stationery and Incidentals	1,700 00	
Expenses of Instruction in the Work	400 00	
Rent	1,650 00	
Clothing and Furniture	100 00	
Investments	2,500 00	
Estimated Balance	138 38	
		<u>\$15,438 38</u>

The Committee offer the following resolution:

“*Resolved*, That the above recommendations of the Committee on Finance be approved and that the Most Excellent Grand High Priest be and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer for the several amounts named in the foregoing estimates, as they may become due and payable.”

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
W. M. DONALDSON,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
J. WAELDER McMULLEN,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on By-laws was received and read, and the resolutions attached were, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted.

PHILADELPHIA, December 3, 1914.

To The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-laws beg leave to report that they have examined the proposed By-laws and proposed Amendments to By-laws referred to them, and offer the following resolutions:

“*Resolved*, That the proposed By-laws of Chapter No. 277 be approved.

“*Resolved*, That the proposed Amendments to the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 262 and 280 be approved.”

Respectfully submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,

A. HOWARD THOMAS,

WILLIAM A. RHOADS,

WILLIAM R. SUTCH,

Committee.

The following report from the Committee on Correspondence was received and read and the resolution attached thereto was adopted.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 1, 1914.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Chapter, held September 3, 1914, the request of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, for fraternal recognition and exchange of representatives, together with all papers relating thereto, was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

We have given this subject more than ordinary consideration, and submit the following:

Alberta is a Province of the Dominion of Canada, possessed of Legislative, Judicial and Executive powers almost similar to one of our States, virtually having the same relations to the Dominion of Canada that our States have to the Federal Union.

According to the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada (1914), the Province of Alberta contains two Masonic Districts; Alberta North District No. 17, has four Warranted or Chartered Chapters and two under

Dispensation. Alberta South District No. 17 A, has five Warranted or Chartered Chapters, making a total of eleven Chapters in the Province.

In pursuance of notice, a Convention of Royal Arch Chapters was held in the city of Calgary, on May 29, 1914, at which time it was resolved to erect a Grand Royal Arch Chapter in the Province of Alberta, at which meeting nine Chapters were represented.

On the same day, a Grand Royal Arch Chapter was organized by the Representatives of six Chapters. During the meeting a Warrant was granted to Keystone Chapter; we have no record of this Chapter, hence it must be a new one. In their list of Chapters, one other is added which does not appear to have been present at organization, making a total of eight Chapters, leaving, as far as we are able to learn, four Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada. We rest the case on this statement, which shows conclusively that, at the present time, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alberta does not have the allegiance of all the Chapters within its territory, and, therefore, there is not that unanimity which alone can make a Sovereign Body.

Pennsylvania, both in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, has always held that when a Grand Body does not have the allegiance of all the Subordinate Bodies within its territory, that it was not a Supreme, Sovereign, Masonic Authority.

See G. L. Proceedings 1893, page clxxi.

See G. C. Proceedings 1894, page 10.

See G. C. Proceedings 1898, page 30.

See G. C. Proceedings 1905, page 6.

See G. C. Proceedings 1913, page 25.

We have great respect for the opinions of those who preceded us, and believe their opinions are based on sound Masonic law, hence we are in duty bound to adhere to them.

We, therefore, offer the following resolution, and ask its adoption:

“*Resolved*, That owing to the fact that the Grand Chapter of Alberta has not secured the allegiance of all the Chapters within its territory, it cannot receive the recognition of this Grand Chapter.”

WILLIAM B. MEREDITH,
STOCKTON BATES,
JOHN M. CORE,
WALTER T. TAGGART,
Committee.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 3, 1914.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing begs leave to report that MacCalla & Company, Incorporated, to whom was awarded the contract for printing the Proceedings for 1913, completed its contract to the full satisfaction of the Committee.

The expenditure of \$1759.80 for the year includes the cost of postage and stationery and the printing, binding, publishing and distributing of the Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS M. WAGNER,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
FRANK E. TOWNSEND,
MURRAY GORGAS,
WESLEY R. MORGAN,
Committee.

This being the time fixed by the Constitution for the election of Grand Officers to serve for the ensuing Masonic year, beginning on St. John the Evangelist's Day next, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest was pleased to appoint Tellers, who having reported, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest announced the following named Companions duly elected:

Companion	PORTER W. LOWRY	.	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
"	THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.	.	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
"	DAVID J. DAVIS	.	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
"	EDWARD B. SPENCER	.	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
"	STOCKTON BATES	.	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

The consideration of the report of the Committee on Appeals presented at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Chapter, September 3, 1914, was then taken up, and after full discussion, on motion of Companion MICHAEL YOUNG, duly made and sec-

onded, it was *Resolved*, that the recommendation attached to the report of the Committee on Appeals be approved.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion HENRY BOSTWICK, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky Royal Arch Masons. Died August 20, 1914.

M. E. Companion DERRICK BROWN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York Royal Arch Masons. Died August 31, 1914.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM W. WRIGHT, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska. Died September 11, 1914.

Companion ENOCH MOORE, Past Deputy Grand High Priest of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware. Died July 26, 1914.

The following certificate was presented and read:

NEW CASTLE, PA., December 1, 1914.

MR. GEORGE B. WELLS,

*Most Excellent Grand High Priest,
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania,
Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.*

DEAR SIR AND M. E. COMPANION:—This is to certify that at the stated meeting of Delta Royal Arch Chapter No. 170, held at New Castle, Pennsyl-

vania, on the first day of December, A. D. 1914, A. I. 2444, Companion Adelbert R. Kingsbury was duly elected Most Excellent High Priest.

Attest:

EDWARD L. SMITH,

[SEAL]

Secretary.

EDWIN C. McCOMB,

M. E. High Priest.

All the Companions present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Companion ADELBERT R. KINGSBURY was duly installed as High Priest of Delta Royal Arch Chapter No. 170, and had the Order of High Priesthood conferred upon him by Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., Chairman of the Capitular School of Instruction, at the request of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

The Companions who had retired were readmitted.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at five o'clock and forty-five minutes P. M.

STOCKTON BATES,

Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,
ST. JOHN'S DAY,

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, A. D. 1914, A. I. 2444.

PRESENT :

Comp. GEORGE B. WELLS, . . . M. E. Grand High Priest.
 " WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, P.G.H.P.,
 acting M. E. Grand King.
 " HIBBERT P. JOHN, P.G.H.P.,
 acting M. E. Grand Scribe.
 " EDWARD B. SPENCER, . . . M. E. Grand Treasurer.
 " STOCKTON BATES, . . . M. E. Grand Secretary.
 " REV. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, D.D., *Grand Chaplain.*
 " REV. EDWARD W. RUSHTON, . *Grand Chaplain.*
 " THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., . *Grand Captain of the Host.*
 " BENJAMIN EISEMAN, . . *Grand Principal Sojourner.*
 " AUGUST P. KUNZIG, . . *Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
 " ROBERT A. WALKER, . . *Grand Master of the Third Vail.*
 " BERTRAM D. REARICK, . *Grand Master of the Second Vail.*
 " J. WILLIAM PANCOAST, . *Grand Master of the First Vail.*
 " JOSEPH E. QUINBY, . . *Grand Marshal.*
 " ROBERT D. COLE, . . as *Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
 " GEORGE P. DARROW, . . *Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
 " CHARLES S. WOOD, . . *Grand Pursuivant.*
 " WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, . . *Grand Tyler.*

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions PAUL J. PONTIUS, ROBERT G. SMITH, SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, DAVID J. DAVIS, PETER K. FILBERT, ARTHUR W. GILLAN, HENRY M. KINSEL, PORTER W. LOWRY.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions HIBBERT P. JOHN, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., EDWARD B. SPENCER, J. HENRY WILLIAMS, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, CARL A. SUNDSTROM, GEORGE B. WELLS.

Grand Representatives.

- Comp. FRANK W. MARTENIS, of Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
“ ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of Grand Chapter of California.
“ SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.
“ FRED PAUL SHER, of Grand Chapter of Delaware.
“ FRANKLIN P. MASON, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
“ GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
“ JOHN A. PERRY, of Grand Chapter of Iowa.
“ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
“ J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.
“ GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., of Grand Chapter of Nebraska.
“ S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
“ CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
“ EDWARD B. SPENCER, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
“ STOCKTON BATES, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
“ J. FREDERICK HERBERT, of Grand Chapter of Scotland.
“ A. HOWARD THOMAS, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
“ HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.

Chapters Nos. 3, 43, 52, 91, 152, 169, 171, 173, 175, 176, 177, 183, 185, 190, 192, 193, 196, 198, 201, 202, 206, 208, 215, 220, 222, 223, 225, 232, 233, 234, 237, 240, 243, 245, 247, 248, 250, 251, 256, 262, 266, 271, 273, 284, 291. (45 Chapters.) (119 members.) (5 visitors.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, December 3, 1914, were read and approved.

A copy of a proposed Amendment to the By-laws of Chapter No. 91 was received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

General Returns were received from Chapters Nos. 152, 161, 165, 169, 173, 174, 178, 180, 182, 183, 185, 189, 190, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 200, 202,

203, 206, 211, 214, 215, 219, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 232, 234, 235, 238, 239, 240, 243, 245, 248, 250, 251, 258, 259, 262, 264, 270, 275, 276, 277, 279, 282, 284, 287, 288, 290, 292, 298, and Mark Lodges Nos. 91 and 214 (63 Chapters), which were ordered to be entered and filed.

The Committee on By-laws presented the following report, which was received and the resolution attached thereto was adopted.

PHILADELPHIA, December 28, 1914.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-laws report that they have examined the proposed Amendment to By-laws referred to them, and offer the following resolution:

“*Resolved*, That the Committee disapproves of the proposed Amendment to Chapter No. 91, and recommends that the proposed Amendment be returned to the Chapter for further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,
HARVEY W. SMITH,

Committee.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, presented his annual address.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 28, 1914.

COMPANIONS OF GRAND CHAPTER:

My Commission as your Chief Servant has expired by limitation, and my chosen Successor awaits his induction into office, but ere the Sceptre

passes to his hands and the responsibility is fastened upon his shoulders there must be presented for your reviewing a brief summing up of the manner in which I have attempted to justify your confidence.

There has been much correspondence, a great deal of it unnecessary and little of it that needs to be mentioned here.

Such decisions as I have made have been but reaffirmations of decisions previously made, or such as were based on reasons so obvious as to make it unnecessary to record them.

I have denied requests to strain the authority of the Grand High Priest, believing that the interests and conveniences of Candidates and Officers should weigh but lightly as compared with Constitution and usages.

I ask you to rejoice with me that there is manifest throughout the entire Jurisdiction a continued and ever-increasing interest in matters of uniformity of work, correctness of floor movements, proper observance of forms, ceremonies and usages, eagerness to profit by instruction and regulation and to pass benefits derived therefrom on to others.

These things, good of themselves, are yet better in that they are outward and visible signs of the spirit and purpose of our noble Craft, and stepping stones aiding us in our upward climb towards the mountain heights of Jehovah's purpose.

It is also my privilege to attest that naught has occurred to disturb the delightful fraternal relations that have hitherto existed with all other Grand Chapters with which we are in correspondence.

Death has exacted heavy toll of this Grand Chapter in the year that is past, depriving us of the prized counsel, services and companionship of both our Most Excellent Grand Scribe and our Most Excellent Grand King.

Monday, January 26, 1914. Companion SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, M. E. Grand Scribe, ceased suffering at his home in West Philadelphia. Being absent from the country at the time I requested, by cable, the M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion STOCKTON BATES, to act for Grand Chapter, which he did to my entire satisfaction, leaving nothing undone to attest our appreciation of the work and worth of our deceased Companion.

Later I issued the following letter, and at my request M. E. Companion J. HENRY WILLIAMS, Past Grand High Priest, prepared and read at the Quarterly Communication held June 4, 1914, a most eloquent In Memoriam address.

OFFICE OF M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST, MASONIC TEMPLE.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 18, 1914.

To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Chapters of this Jurisdiction, and to all Royal Arch Masons wherever dispersed.

COMPANIONS:

The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania suffered irreparable loss when, at 3.30 A. M., Monday, January 26, 1914,

Companion SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, Most Excellent Grand Scribe, was summoned by the Death Angel to the Higher life.

Companion Laughlin's earthly remains were deposited in the Mausoleum in Fernwood Cemetery, Thursday, January 29, 1914, with Masonic ceremonies conducted by Brother Daniel W. Bishop and the officers of Lodge No. 3, F. & A. M., in the presence of an unusually large gathering, not only of his Masonic Brethren, but of others representing all walks of life, thus paying eloquent tribute to his memory as a man and a Mason.

Masonic Record of M. E. Companion Samuel Laughlin.

Born September 20, 1851.

Lodge No. 3—Entered Apprentice, January 21, 1873; Fellow Craft, February 18, 1873; Master Mason, March 18, 1873; Junior Warden, 1899; Senior Warden, 1900; Worshipful Master, 1901; Representative in Grand Lodge, 1907 to death.

Grand Lodge—Committee on Temple, December 27, 1913, to death.

St. John Royal Arch Chapter No. 232—Mark Master Mason, December 2, 1873; Most Excellent Master Mason, January 6, 1874; Royal Arch Mason, January 6, 1874; Scribe, 1894; King, 1895; High Priest, 1896; Representative in Grand Chapter, 1904 to 1913.

Grand Chapter—Most Excellent Grand Scribe, December 27, 1912, to death; Representative Grand Chapter of Washington, 1910 to death.

Philadelphia Council No. 11—Royal Master Mason, January 10, 1908; Select Master Mason, March 13, 1908; Super-Excellent Master Mason, May 8, 1908.

St. John's Commandery No. 4—Red Cross, February 27, 1874; Knight Templar, May 22, 1874; Knight of Malta, May 22, 1874; Generalissimo, 1899; Eminent Commander, 1900; Treasurer, 1906 to death.

Grand Commandery—Grand Warder, 1912.

A. & A. Scottish Rite—Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection, 4° to 14°, October 21, 1892; De Joinville Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 15° and 16°, October 21, 1892; Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix de H. R. D. M., 17° and 18°, November 18, 1892; Philadelphia Consistory, S. P. R. S., 19° to 32°, December 16, 1892.

Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection—Junior Warden, June, 1907, to June, 1909; Senior Warden, June, 1909, to June, 1911; Deputy Master, June, 1911, to June, 1912; Thrice Potent Master, June, 1912, to June, 1913.

De Joinville Council, Princes of Jerusalem—Senior Warden, June, 1908, to June, 1910; High Priest, June, 1910, to June, 1912; Sovereign Prince, June, 1912, to June, 1913.

Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction—Elected Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, September 19, 1907; Crowned Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, September 15, 1908.

Companion Laughlin served Freemasonry to an extent that is possible to but few.

The lessons of Masonry were to him a living force and its principles a guiding star, and his energies, his talents, his time and his purse were ever held subject to the demands of the Institution.

Loyalty and candor, uncompromising hostility to what he believed wrong and unswerving fidelity to those he served, were governing factors in the life of our late Companion, and the world is poorer since he is not of it.

Those who knew him best, loved him most; and we, who had daily intercourse with him, have a rich heritage of grateful memories calculated to stimulate us to increased service.

Attesting our reverence for Companion Samuel Laughlin's memory and our profound sorrow for our own loss, it is directed that this communication be read in every Chapter in this Jurisdiction at the next stated meeting, and entered in full upon the minutes, and that the jewels of such Chapters be draped in mourning for the space of six months.

Given under the seal of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the day and year above written.

GEORGE B. WELLS,
M. E. Grand High Priest.

(Seal)

Official:

STOCKTON BATES,
Grand Secretary.

At his home in Carnegie, Pa., on the morning of Sunday, August 16, 1914, Companion WINFIELD SCOTT BELL, M. E. Grand King, was called to the Higher Life. Again I was absent from the country, and the cablegram announcing the sad tidings did not reach me until I was on my homeward journey. But the Grand Secretary, ever alert and responsive to the call of duty, needing no suggestion or request, did all that could be done on behalf of Grand Chapter in the way of paying tribute to the memory of him whom we had hoped this day to install as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, even to the

extent of traveling across the State, accompanied by such Grand Officers as were able to accompany him, and standing with bared head at the open grave, where the mortal remains of our beloved Companion found a resting place.

I later issued the following letter. Companion EDWARD HOPE, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Fifteenth District, prepared an In Memoriam, which he will present at this Annual Grand Communication.

OFFICE OF M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST, MASONIC TEMPLE.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., October 5, 1914.

To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Chapters of this Jurisdiction, and to all Royal Arch Masons wherever dispersed.

COMPANIONS:

At his home in Carnegie, Pennsylvania, on the morning of Sunday, August 16, 1914, the gentle spirit of

Companion WINFIELD SCOTT BELL, Most Excellent Grand King, of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, was released from its earthly tabernacle and the mortal remains of our distinguished Companion were consigned to earth Tuesday, August 18th. At the funeral services our Grand Chapter was well represented in the large attendance of relatives, friends and associates, which gave ample testimony of the esteem and affection the life of our Companion had commanded among his fellows.

Masonic Record of M. E. Companion Winfield Scott Bell.

Born September 18, 1852.

Centennial Lodge No. 544—Entered Apprentice, January 26, 1880; Fellow Craft, February 23, 1880; Master Mason, April 5, 1880; Junior Warden, 1884; Senior Warden, 1885; Worshipful Master, 1886; Representative in Grand Lodge, 1887.

Shiloh Royal Arch Chapter No. 257—Mark Master Mason, September 17, 1894; Most Excellent Master Mason, September 17, 1894; Royal Arch Master, September 25, 1894; Scribe, 1899; King, 1900; High Priest, 1901; Trustee, 1902 to 1909.

Grand Chapter—District Deputy Grand High Priest, 1905 to 1909; Most Excellent Grand Scribe, 1911 to 1912; Most Excellent Grand King, 1913 to 1914, to death.

Mount Moriah Council No. 2—Royal Master Mason, September 24, 1896; Select Master Mason, September 24, 1896; Super-Excellent Master Mason, September 24, 1896; Principal Conductor of Work, 1911; Deputy Illustrious Master, 1912; Thrice Illustrious Master, 1913.

Tancred Commandery No. 48—Red Cross, December 28, 1894; Knight Templar, December 28, 1894; Knight of Malta, March 31, 1896; Captain-General, 1902; Generalissimo, 1903; Eminent Commander, 1904; Trustee, 1905 to 1909.

A. & A. Scottish Rite—Gorgas Lodge of Perfection, 4° to 14°, March 26, 1896; Pennsylvania Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 15° and 16°, March 30, 1896; Pittsburgh Chapter of Rose Croix de H. R. D. M., 17° and 18°, April 2, 1896; Pennsylvania Consistory, S. P. R. S., 19° to 32°, May 29, 1896.

Pennsylvania Council, Princes of Jerusalem—Junior Warden, 1902; Senior Warden, 1903; High Priest, 1904; Sovereign Prince, 1905.

Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction—Elected Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, September 22, 1909; Crowned Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, September 20, 1910.

Companion Bell was gifted with sterling character and gentle manners, and ever exhibited humility without weakness and firmness without dogmatism. His word did not need the collateral of a bond. His counsel always savored of wisdom and his aid was never withheld, and whosoever knew him well could not be other than better therefor.

His services to Freemasonry were numerous, varied and unremitting, and he has now received from the Grand Architect of the Universe a white stone, in which a new name is written.

As willing and deserved tribute to the life and services of Companion Winfield Scott Bell and with a desire to stimulate all to emulation thereof, it is directed that this communication be read in every Chapter in this Jurisdiction at the next stated meeting, and entered in full upon the minutes, and that the jewels of such Chapters be draped in mourning for the space of six months.

Given under the seal of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the day and year above written.

GEORGE B. WELLS,
M. E. Grand High Priest.

(Seal)

Official:

STOCKTON BATES,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND VISITATIONS.

Generally speaking, visiting individual Chapters with a staff of Officers is a slow and expensive method of carrying the message of Grand Chapter to its constituent subordinate bodies, resulting under most favorable circumstances in reaching but a respectable minority of the Chapters during the official life of a Grand High Priest. Accordingly I have for the most part confined my Visitations to the acceptance of special invitations to visit Chapters on anniversary and other occasions when it was made to appear that the Chapter would receive material benefit from such encouragement, sympathy, admonition and instruction as the occasion might make possible.

On the other hand I have striven to reach the largest possible number of Chapters in other ways, as will later appear in this report, and I am glad to record that my efforts have met with success.

VISITATIONS.

Visitations were made as follows:

April 6, 1914. To LaFayette R. A. Chapter No. 163, Lock Haven.

April 7, 1914. To Tristram B. Freeman R. A. Chapter No. 243, Philadelphia.

May 8, 1914. To Palestine R. A. Chapter No. 240, Philadelphia, Forty-second Anniversary.

May 19, 1914. To Bellevue R. A. Chapter No. 286, Bellevue, Tenth Anniversary.

June 5, 1914. To Harmony R. A. Chapter No. 52, Philadelphia, 120th Anniversary.

June 11, 1914. To Orient R. A. Chapter No. 247, Kittanning, Fortieth Anniversary.

June 12, 1914. To Duquesne R. A. Chapter No. 193, Pittsburgh.

June 15, 1914. To Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 3, Philadelphia, 156th Anniversary.

September 25, 1914. To Signet R. A. Chapter No. 251, Philadelphia, Fortieth Anniversary.

November 30, 1914. To Media R. A. Chapter No. 234, Media.

December 18, 1914. To Howell R. A. Chapter No. 199, York, Fiftieth Anniversary.

On each of these occasions I was accompanied by Grand Officers, and wherever work was done, it was well done. Fraternity, hospitality and good fellowship blended in perfect harmony, and on each particular occasion it might have been truly said by all that it was good to have been there, and that the interests of Capitular Masonry had been well served.

CONFERENCES HELD.

January 14, 1914. A conference was held in Renaissance Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, to

which had been invited all the High Priests, Kings and Scribes of all Chapters meeting in Philadelphia and within forty miles thereof, as well as the Past Grand High Priests, Grand Officers and the Instructors of the Philadelphia Capitular School.

The responses were most gratifying and, following a dinner in which one hundred Companions participated, several hours were spent in discussing matters of profit to the Subordinate Chapters and in rehearsing the work.

March 5, 1914. . About forty High Priests of Chapters meeting in different parts of the State, met in Renaissance Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, in conference with Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand High Priests, Instructors, etc., for three hours, after which dinner was served to one hundred and thirty Companions, prior to attending the Quarterly Communication of Grand Chapter held that evening.

June 12, 1914. A conference was held in the Masonic Temple, Pittsburgh, participated in by representatives of twenty Chapters, including Grand Officers, Instructors of both the Pittsburgh and the Philadelphia Schools of Instruction, three District Deputy Grand High Priests and Officers of sixteen Subordinate Chapters. About three hours were most profitably spent in asking and answering questions, giving and receiving instructions and advice in mat-

ters appertaining to administration, ritual, floor movements, customs, usages, landmarks, etc.

After the conference dinner was served at the Fort Pitt Hotel to seventy-five Companions.

September 3, 1914. With a view to securing absolute uniformity of work representatives of the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia Capitular Schools united in rehearsing and exemplifying the three degrees in Renaissance Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, when the occasion proved a profitable school of instruction to a number of District Deputy Grand High Priests, and others who were in attendance on the Quarterly Communication of Grand Chapter.

All taking part in the labors of the afternoon had an opportunity of meeting at dinner the distinguished Companions from New York, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware, who were then visiting with us as well as our own Past Grand High Priests and Grand Officers, thus widening the scope of their Masonic acquaintance and experience.

November 16, 1914. All High Priests, Kings, Scribes and District Deputy Grand High Priests of District Nos. 1 to 11 inclusive, were invited to a conference and rehearsal of the three Capitular Degrees in Philadelphia, to be held afternoon and evening of November 16th.

The result was more than gratifying, forty-nine Chapters were represented and eight District Deputy Grand High Priests took part.

The number partaking of refreshments provided between the afternoon and evening sessions was one hundred and fifty.

November 24, 1914. A similar gathering was held in Pittsburgh, November 24th, invitations having been extended to Districts Nos. 12 to 21 inclusive.

Additional to Grand Officers and Instructors from the Philadelphia school nearly thirty Chapters were represented, and the occasion was honored by the presence of two Past Grand High Priests and five District Deputy Grand High Priests. Dinner was served at Fort Pitt Hotel and partaken of by one hundred and fifteen Companions.

All participating can attest that each of the several functions above described was an occasion of work, service, education and inspiration, and who can say how far will reach the social features made possible by the never absent banquet table in binding the Companions together in bonds of fraternal love and affection that will make for deeper interests in and better service to this Grand Chapter in the years to come.

NEW CHAPTERS.

April 7, 1914. Accompanied by a full corps of Grand Officers, I constituted Milton Royal Arch Chapter No. 298, with fifty-four warrant members.

This new Chapter began work under favorable auspices and with every prospect of reasonable success in the future.

REHEARSAL OF WORK.

At the Quarterly Communication in March the Mark Degree was rehearsed by Companion WM. G. SPEIER, as Worshipful Master of Girard Mark Lodge No. 214, assisted by the Officers of the Lodge.

In June the Most Excellent Master Mason's Degree was exemplified by Companion JOHN Y. PENNYPACKER, as Most Excellent Master, Phoenix Royal Arch Chapter No. 198, assisted by the Officers of the Chapter.

In September the Royal Arch Degree was exemplified by Companion WILLIAM H. YOUNG, Montgomery Royal Arch Chapter No. 262, assisted by the Officers of the Chapter.

And at the Quarterly Communication held December 3rd, Companion ADELBERT R. KINGSBURY was installed Most Excellent High Priest of Delta Royal Arch Chapter No. 170, and the order of High Priesthood was conferred upon him by Companion THOS. MCCONNELL, JR.

Grand Representatives appointed are as follows:

New York—Appointed JOHN B. MULLAN, vacancy caused by death of Companion KRAUSSMAN.

New Brunswick—Appointed JAMES VROOM, vacancy caused by death of Companion GODSOE.

· WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION.

During the year I asked for Waivers of Jurisdiction as follows: From Maryland 1, from New York 1, from New Jersey 2, from Ohio 1, Total 5.

All of which were courteously granted. I granted during the same period eight Waivers of Jurisdiction as follows: To New Jersey 4, to New York 3, to Ohio 1.

The granting of a Waiver of Jurisdiction is a courtesy which for obvious reasons I have ever been pleased to promptly extend, and have refused it only when the Brother residing in Pennsylvania and retaining his membership in a Pennsylvania Lodge desired to petition a Chapter in a neighboring State, but had not been passed to the Chair. In such case the would-be petitioner not being eligible to petition a Chapter in Pennsylvania, it would be highly improper to perform an act that would make him eligible to petition a Chapter in another Jurisdiction.

On the other hand, in cases where a Pennsylvania Mason has removed to another State and established a bona fide residence therein and afterwards petitioned a Chapter in his adopted State, I have on inquiry replied that we had no jurisdiction and claimed none.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

January 22, 1914. To Girard Mark Lodge No. 214, to elect a Trustee to fill vacancy caused by death of LOUIS WAGNER.

February 16, 1914. To Germantown R. A. Chapter No. 208, to elect a Representative to fill vacancy caused by death of LOUIS WAGNER.

March 21, 1914. To Warrior Run R. A. Chapter No. 246, to elect Representative to fill vacancy caused by resignation of WILLIAM G. MURDOCK.

April 7, 1914. To Milton R. A. Chapter No. 298, authorizing to hold a special meeting on the evening of Tuesday, April 7, 1914, for the purpose of receiving petitions and adopting a night for stated meetings.

May 2, 1914. To Zerubbabel R. A. Chapter No. 162, to elect Treasurer to fill vacancy caused by death of Companion JOHN BURFORD.

May 28, 1914. To Chapter No. 43, to elect a Scribe to fill vacancy caused by death of Companion HENRY L. STAGER.

June 15, 1914. To Samuel C. Perkins R. A. Chapter No. 209, to elect a Treasurer to fill vacancy caused by death of Companion E. RANKIN HUSTON.

August 31, 1914. To Chester R. A. Chapter No. 258, to elect a Treasurer to fill vacancy caused by death of Companion JOSEPH D. OLIVER.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

At the Quarterly Communication of March 5th, Grand Chapter was honored by the presence of M. E. Companion WALTER LEHMAN WILLIAMSON, Past

Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota, and Grand Master of Masons in that State, and a former resident of Philadelphia, who on invitation delivered a most pleasing address, full of interesting reminiscence of the past and optimistic aspirations for the future.

The Quarterly Cummunication held September 3rd, will ever remain memorable as on that occasion we were honored by the presence of the following:

M. E. Companion ARTHUR WARREN, Grand High Priest;

R. E. Companion JARED A. REED, Grand King;

R. E. Companion C. WESLEY ORR, Grand Scribe;

M. E. Companion CHARLES C. HUNT, Grand Secretary;

R. E. and Rev. PIERRE CUSHING, Grand Chaplain;

R. E. Companion ERNEST L. SIMPSON, Grand Captain of the Host;

R. E. Companion PERCY W. WILLARD, Grand Principal Sojourner;

R. E. Companion GEORGE LEWIS, Grand Master of the Third Vail;

All of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York.

M. E. Companion EUGENE HAMMOND, Grand High Priest;

R. E. Companion JOHN H. MILLER, Grand Secretary and Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

R. E. Companion WARREN S. SEIPP, Grand Lecturer;

All of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland.

M. E. Companion PETER MCGILL, P. G. H. P. and Grand Secretary;

M. E. Companions HENRY S. HAINES, ABRAM A. REGER, LORENZO D. SANBORN, Past Grand High Priests;

M. E. Companion EDWARD MILLS, P. G. H. P. and Grand Treasurer;

Companion ALBERT LEON, Grand Master of the Second Vail;

All of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New Jersey.

R. E. Companion ALEXANDER J. Taylor, Grand High Priest;

R. E. Companion JAMES B. BROAD, Grand Instructor of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Delaware.

These distinguished Companions severally delivered messages of fraternal good will and encouragement from their respective Grand Jurisdictions which were most interesting and inspiring.

Thursday and Friday, September 3rd and 4th, our Grand Officers including several District Deputy Grand High Priests, extended such hospitalities to the visiting Grand Officers, as were possible and seemed fitting to the occasion, culminating in a dinner, Friday evening.

When our visitors departed for their homes they were enthroned in our hearts, and with one accord we felt that it was good for this Grand Chapter that they had been with us.

INVITATIONS DECLINED.

During the year invitations were received from other Jurisdictions as follows: One from M. E. Companion FREDERICK W. CALLER, Grand High Priest, to attend the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, to be held in the city of Albany, February 3, 1914.

One from M. E. Companion LORENZO D. SANBORN, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, to attend the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, to be held in the city of Trenton, May 13, 1914.

One from Companion EUGENE HAMMOND, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, to attend the Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maryland, to be held in the city of Baltimore, November 19, 1914.

My personal appreciation of those who would have been my hosts, my delightful recollections of former occasions, particularly of Grand Chapter Communications at Albany and Trenton, and my sense of duty to this Grand Chapter because of prospective stimulus to more effective service, conspired to make my acceptance imperative, nevertheless by reason of obligations at home, I was compelled to decline in each case.

Fully realizing that current responsibilities will sufficiently tax the energies of my successor I doubly regret that circumstances necessitate leaving him undesirable legacies as follows:

December 23, 1914, I learned that
Royal Arch Chapter No., located at
conferred the Mark and Most Excellent Master Mason's Degrees on nine candidates November 4, 1913, and seventeen days later exalted eight of these Brethren to the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch Mason. Despairing of being able to dispose of the case within four days, one of which is a holiday, I took no action, and not wishing to anticipate or embarrass your next Grand High Priest, I have repressed the vigorous English that pressed for utterance and seemed to fit the occasion.

On December 23, 1914, I also learned that the book of Marks of Chapter No., located at, "has been missing for three or four months, and no one knows where it has

gone''. I at once directed that diligent search be made for the book, that I be advised if any Brethren had been exalted since the book was lost and that none be exalted until either the book has been found or a new book provided, that the Constitutional requirement concerning the recording of Marks may not be violated.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

While our records show a steady increase in membership, in my opinion that increase is slower than it should be.

It is a truth of which we should never lose sight that quality is to be desired rather than quantity, and none but good men and true should ever be allowed to pass our portals, nevertheless such are the safeguards thrown around the making of Masons in this Jurisdiction and such the protection of Ancient Landmarks that it would seem that unworthy members of the Craft must constitute a very small percentage indeed, and the Brother's worthiness being proven there is every reason why he should not stop in the house of adoption, but should go on until he has reached the summit and perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry.

I am convinced that after making all due allowances, if all our Royal Arch Masons were alert and filled with zeal, more than one-half of the Masons made in Pennsylvania would attain to the Supreme

Degree of Royal Arch Mason instead of the bare 30 per cent. we now have.

I have reason to believe that many of our Brethren fail to petition for the Chapter degrees from ignorance, while Chapter members stand idly about, negligent of their duty to dispense Masonic light and knowledge to their uninformed Brethren.

Accordingly on occasion I have urged upon the Companions the importance of surveying the fields of their several Lodges and soliciting the Brethren of whose worthiness they are assured to proceed on the journey instead of stopping half way.

Already the advice has born fruit and I suggest to my successor that the matter be further urged upon the membership.

This beautiful hall in which we are assembled being the meeting place of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, as well as of ten Subordinate Chapters, is the place where, of all others, Royal Arch Masons repair for information and instruction.

Such being the case, it is a source of regret that all who enter said hall find, as an important feature of the decorations thereof, a painting representing a High Priest, clothed in a manner out of keeping with the Constitution and regulations of Grand Chapter, thus constituting a continual menace to discipline and uniformity of work.

I would recommend that Grand Chapter request the proper authority to have said painting either so changed and corrected as to conform in the matter of clothing, to the requirements of Grand Chapter, or failing in this, to have it entirely obliterated.

This would seem a fitting opportunity to present to Grand Chapter a thought that has been much in my mind during the past year.

While this Temple in which we meet, widely and justly quoted as the largest, most costly and magnificent building in the world devoted exclusively to Masonic uses, is a splendid monument to the courage, zeal and foresight of Pennsylvania Masons of the preceding generation, so steady and rapid has been the growth of the fraternity that it is already too small for the needs of the Craft, and even now our Chapters at times find it impossible to get accommodations to which they are entitled.

I would earnestly urge that serious consideration be given at an early date to the planning for a home for Capitular Masonry for the needs of a half century to come.

This may be done by co-operation with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in changes which must sooner or later be made, but I would prefer a building of our own of size and appointments commensurate with the dignity of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

If there are those who regard this as an extravagant ambition, I would remind them that there are now more Royal Arch Masons in this Commonwealth than there were Master Masons when this majestic edifice was first conceived, and what Masons have done Masons can again do.

It is true that the amount of our funds in hand is comparatively small, and the growth thus far has been slow, but that is because in the absence of need we have deliberately minimized our income.

I would earnestly urge Grand Chapter to promptly provide for a very material increase in the per capita tax and give careful consideration to other methods of providing additional income that we may not delay the sounding of the slogan of "Capitular Masonry in a home of its own". In this connection I beg to advise that when all accounts are settled there will be an unexpended balance of upwards of one thousand dollars from the appropriations made for expenses of the Grand High Priest.

This balance will be returned to Grand Chapter, and when so returned I ask that it be promptly placed in the hands of the Trustees for investment and added to the permanent fund, as a mite to aid in hastening the day foreshadowed in the foregoing remarks.

This report would be incomplete indeed did I fail to record my grateful appreciation of the services of

those who have shared with me the responsibility of administration during the past two years.

Faithful Committee members, appointed officers ever responsive to the call of duty, District Deputies with pride in their work, a Grand Secretary always ready to heed my barest requests, and Past Grand High Priests placing at my disposal the benefit of their accumulated experiences have conspired to make my labors easy and my burden light, and thus naught but the happiest of recollections of my period of service as Grand High Priest will be mine throughout the remainder of my life.

And now, my Companions, may the God of our fathers ever have you and me in His holy keeping and may He vouchsafe to us and our successors forever the joy of having part and share in the upbuilding of His Kingdom upon earth through consecrated service to The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

So mote it be!

So much of the Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday afternoon, December 3, 1914, as refers to the election of Grand Officers was read.

All of the Companions present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Companion PORTER W. LOWRY was installed *Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand*

Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, was duly proclaimed as such, and received the salutations of the Craft.

The Companions who had retired were readmitted, when the following Grand Officers were severally installed, and were duly proclaimed, and received the salutations of the Craft:

Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., *M. E. Grand King*.

Companion DAVID J. DAVIS, *M. E. Grand Scribe*.

Companion EDWARD B. SPENCER, P. G. H. P., *M. E. Grand Treasurer*.

Companion STOCKTON BATES, *M. E. Grand Secretary*.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion PORTER W. LOWRY, presented his annual address:

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER:

How forcibly we are reminded of the ever-recurring fact that "Man proposes and God disposes". One year ago our beloved Companions WINFIELD S. BELL and SAMUEL LAUGHLIN were installed Most Excellent Grand King and Most Excellent Grand Scribe. In a few short weeks the Silent Messenger, whose touch calls man from this life to the

Eternal, removed from us and from their earthly labors our beloved, and they have passed within the White Vail of the Sanctuary above.

We miss them and mourn their going out from us. It is a stern reminder that our allotted time is short and a pointed lesson of our own mortality. The mantles of our departed ones have fallen upon other shoulders and we take up the work fully realizing the responsibilities incident to this Exalted Station. To maintain the integrity of Grand Chapter, to inculcate the principles of our great Fraternity and to raise to a higher level the present high standard of efficiency to which our illustrious predecessors have thus far brought Capitular Masonry, shall be the one purpose of the servants whom you have entrusted with the responsibility of guiding the affairs of Grand Chapter at this time.

We have nothing new or startling to suggest, but with the sole aim in view to adhere to the "Ancient Usages, Customs and Landmarks", a strict and impartial enforcement of the Constitution and following the policy inaugurated and carried on by a long line of predecessors whose labor of love has been approved by the Companions of this Grand Chapter, we now enter upon our duties feeling assured of your patient forbearance and hearty co-operation.

In this time of trouble throughout the Eastern World, when the foundations of Empires and Republics are being shaken, where the hand of every man

is lifted against his brother, where men, women and children are suffering all the woes of a cruel and heartless war, let us from the deepest recesses of our hearts thank Almighty God that Peace reigns in our land, and let us at this glad season, this Christmas time, be imbued with the spirit of fervent charity, of love for the brethren and all mankind, and may the spirit of Peace and Harmony abound without stint throughout this great Jurisdiction.

May Heaven's richest blessing rest upon all our Companions. Amen and Amen.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest announced the following appointments for the present Masonic year, beginning December 27, A. D. 1914, A. I. 2444:

APPOINTMENTS.

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

A. Companion PAUL J. PONTIUS, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 52, 175, 226, 243, 248, 284, and Girard Mark Lodge No. 214, in Philadelphia.

B. Companion ROBERT G. SMITH, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 3, 169, 183, 240, 251 and 256, in Philadelphia.

C. Companion SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 91, 208, 232, 233, 250, and Excelsior Mark Lodge No. 216, in Philadelphia.

1. Companion J. HOWARD S. BARNES, of Norristown, for the Counties of Bucks and Montgomery

(except Chapter No. 262), and Chapter No. 198, of Chester County.

2. Companion WAYNE J. PENNELL, of Berwyn, for the Counties of Chester (except Chapter No. 198) and Delaware, and Chapter No. 262, of Montgomery County.

3. Companion MILTON E. GINGRICH, of Lancaster, for the Counties of Berks, Lancaster (except Chapter No. 224) and Lebanon.

4. Companion JOHN H. BENNETT, of York, for the Counties of Adams and York, and Chapter No. 224, of Lancaster County.

5. Companion CHARLES R. ROBERTS, of Allentown, for the Counties of Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton and Pike.

6. Companion CHAS. H. TILTON, of Scranton, for the Counties of Lackawanna, Susquehanna and Wayne, and Chapter No. 205, of Wyoming County.

7. Companion HENRY L. MOORE, of Wilkes-Barre, for the Counties of Luzerne and Sullivan, and Chapters No. 161, of Bradford County, and No. 172, of Wyoming County.

8. Companion PETER K. FILBERT, of Pottsville, for the Counties of Carbon and Schuylkill.

9. Companion WILLIAM F. SHAY, of Watsonstown, for the Counties of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union.

10. Companion ARTHUR W. GILLAN, of Chambersburg, for the Counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata and Perry.

11. Companion HENRY M. KINSEL, of Huntingdon, for the Counties of Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon and Mifflin.

12. Companion HENRY HIPPLE, of Lock Haven, for the Counties of Centre, Clinton and Lycoming, and Chapters Nos. 194 and 296, of Tioga County, and No. 261, of Bradford County.

13. Companion O. BRUCE PORTER, of Clearfield, for the Counties of Cameron, Clearfield and Elk, and Chapter No. 279, of McKean County.

14. Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, of Coudersport, for the Counties of McKean (except Chapter No. 279, at Kane) and Potter, and Chapter No. 265, of Tioga County.

15. Companion THOMAS N. McKEE, of Kittanning, for the Counties of Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Indiana and Jefferson.

16. Companion EDWARD HOPE, of Pittsburgh, for Chapters Nos. 162, 193, 257, 268, 285 and 297, of Allegheny County.

17. Companion DAVID CARLIN, of Bellevue, for Chapters Nos. 217, 280, 286, 288, of Allegheny County, and 150 and 294, of Washington County.

18. Companion EDMUND W. BOOTS, of McKeesport, for Chapters Nos. 282 and 289, of Allegheny County, No. 249, of Washington County, and No. 290, of Westmoreland County.

19. Companion JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, of Connells-ville, for the Counties of Fayette, Greene, Somerset and Westmoreland (except Chapter No. 290).

20. Companion ALLAN W. URMSON, of New Castle, for the Counties of Beaver, Lawrence and Mercer.

21. Companion PETER BARKEY, of Erie, for the Counties of Crawford and Erie (except Chapter No. 207, of Crawford County).

22. Companion CHARLES E. COOPER, of Oil City, for the Counties of Forest, Venango and Warren, and Chapter No. 207, of Crawford County.

Trustees.

M. E. Comp. J. HENRY WILLIAMS, P. G. H. P.

“ “ EDWARD PERRY.

“ “ CHARLES CHIPMAN.

Grand Chaplains.

Comp. Rev. BENJAMIN F. DELO, of Clarion.

“ Rev. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, D. D., of
Philadelphia.

“ Rev. HORACE F. FULLER, of Philadelphia.

Comp. Rev. ROBERT C. BOWLING, of Kittanning.

“ Rev. CLARENCE H. WOOLSTON, D. D., of Philadelphia.

“ Rev. JOHN G. WILSON, D. D., of Philadelphia.

“ Rev. EDWARD W. RUSHTON, of Reading.

“ Rev. MCWILLIAM R. CRAIG, of Butler.

Grand Captain of the Host.

Comp. S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Chapter No. 240.

Grand Principal Sojourner.

Comp. BENJAMIN EISEMAN, of Chapter No. 183.

Grand Royal Arch Captain.

Comp. FRANK W. MARTENIS, of Chapter No. 291.

Grand Master of Third Vail.

Comp. ROBERT A. WALKER, of Chapter No. 223.

Grand Master of Second Vail.

Comp. WILLIAM S. MARKLEY, of Chapter No. 257.

Grand Master of First Vail.

Comp. J. WILLIAM PANCOAST, of Chapter No. 232.

Grand Marshal.

Comp. JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of Chapter No. 234.

Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.

Comp. GEORGE P. DARROW, of Chapter No. 208.

Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.

Comp. RALPH C. MINEHART, of Chapter No. 286.

Grand Pursuivant.

Comp. CHARLES S. WOOD, of Chapter No. 3.

Grand Tyler.

Comp. WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, of Chapter No. 175.

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“ “ EDWARD B. SPENCER, P. G. H. P.

“ “ H. OSCAR KLINE, P. G. H. P.

“ “ J. HENRY WILLIAMS, P. G. H. P.

“ “ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, P. G. H. P.

“ “ CARL A. SUNDSTROM, P. G. H. P.

“ “ A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, P. G. H. P.

“ “ GEORGE B. WELLS, P. G. H. P.

In conjunction with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

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M. E. Comp. GEORGE B. WELLS, P. G. H. P.

“ “ J. HENRY WILLIAMS, P. G. H. P.

Comp. ALFRED L. REICHENBACH.

“ REUBEN A. ZIMMERMAN.

“ BERTRAM D. REARICK.

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“ WILLIAM R. SUTCH.

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- M. E. Comp. WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, P. G. H. P.
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“ MURRAY GORGAS.

“ WESLEY R. MORGAN.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion PORTER W. LOWRY, in a complimentary and eulogistic address, presented the Jewel of a Past Grand High Priest to the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, who accepted it in a forceful and appreciative reply.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters, announcing the death of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion WARREN LA RUE THOMAS, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky Royal Arch Masons. Died November 23, 1914.

M. E. Companion HARRY PORTER DEUEL, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska. Died November 23, 1914.

District Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion EDWARD HOPE, who was selected to deliver an In Memoriam on the life and services of the late M. E.

Grand King, Companion WINFIELD SCOTT BELL, being unavoidably detained, forwarded to the Grand Chapter his address, which was read by the Most Excellent Grand Secretary. The paper was listened to with great interest by the Companions, and it was ordered published with the proceedings.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and thirty minutes P. M.

STOCKTON BATES,

Grand Secretary.

In Memoriam

WINFIELD SCOTT BELL

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND KING

*Of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and
Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.*

Born at Reimersburg, Clarion County, Pennsylvania,
Sunday, September 18, 1852.

Entered into rest at Carnegie, Pennsylvania,
Sunday, August 16, 1914.

An earnest Christian, a zealous Craftsman and a steadfast friend.

Every heart was inexpressibly saddened at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, on the evening of Thursday, September 3, 1914, by the announcement that the useful and successful life of this dearly beloved and honored Companion had been brought to a close.

One to have lived well, to have enjoyed the respect of his neighbors, to have been pointed out as an honest man, to have fulfilled man's conception of the "greatest work of God" is to have filled an important niche in the world and to have made it better for having lived in it. To have been courageous in convictions, just in dealings, to have extended the helping hand, to have so lived with such faith that when the Supreme Master calls, it finds one ready—is not to have lived in vain nor without leaving the impress of a noble life on the community. To have passed away, beloved and respected, mourned most by those who knew him best—is to have earned the reward of the faithful and to have found a better portion "beyond the divide." So lived and so died our beloved Companion WINFIELD SCOTT BELL.

Deprived of his parents when a mere lad at the age of nine, when most boys are being nurtured and thought for, he was

brought to Allegheny County and while working on a farm for his livelihood, through his own efforts, he pursued his studies at Linnaen Academy in what was then Mansfield—now Carnegie, Pennsylvania, to gain the independence by which his after life was characterized. Seven years later he became a telegraph operator and two years after that studied pharmacy, through which he entered the drug business and finally—with that desire for excellence which marked all he did, he saw the possibilities of photography, which was then in its infancy. He blazed the trail for commercial photography, and pursuing it, he developed the art so that as early as the Johnstown Flood in 1889, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company sent him on a special train to make a photographic record of the disaster.

At the opening of the Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh, his photographs aroused the enthusiasm and admiration of Andrew Carnegie. For thirty years he was one of the leading dealers in photographic supplies in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

His genial nature made him especially fond of responsive animals—more particularly of dogs. He was a national authority on field dogs and had been judge of field trials all over the United States and Canada. He wrote several articles on dogs and his kennels in Tennessee received many visitors. Those things in his life are worthy of mention here because they indicate the bent of his disposition.

His determination as a youth, his accomplishments in later life and his kindness were most noteworthy. Over and above all this, he was a most companionable man and was particularly devoted to his Brothers in Freemasonry.

While an earnest member of the United Presbyterian Church and a worker in it, he appreciated the mission of our Great Brotherhood. While he loved all men, he especially loved those who were of the Household of Faith.

He was made a Master Mason April 5, 1880, in Centennial Lodge No. 544, F. & A. M., in Mansfield—now Carnegie—Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and served therein as Senior Deacon in 1881; Guide, 1882; Pursuivant, 1883; Junior Warden, 1884; Senior Warden, 1885; Worshipful Master, 1886, and Representative in Grand Lodge in 1887.

He was made a Royal Arch Mason September 25, 1894, in Shiloh Royal Arch Chapter No. 257, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and served therein as Master of the Third Vail in 1895; Junior Master of Ceremonies, 1896; Senior Master of Ceremonies, 1897; Captain of the Host, 1898; Scribe, 1899; King, 1900; High Priest, 1901; Trustee, from 1902 until the time of his death in 1914. He received the Order of High Priesthood December 17, 1900.

In the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, he served as District Deputy Grand High Priest from 1905 to 1910, both inclusive; Grand Scribe, 1911 and 1912; Grand King, 1913 and 1914—which office he was holding when called to rest.

He was made a Royal and Select Master September 24, 1896, in Mt. Moriah Council No. 2, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and served therein as Chaplain in 1906; Second Vail, 1907; Pursuivant, 1908; Captain of the Guard, 1909; Marshal, 1910; Principal Conductor of the Work, 1911; Deputy Illustrious Master, 1912; Thrice Illustrious Master, 1913.

He was made a Knight Templar December 28, 1894, in Tancred Commandery No. 48, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and served therein as Guard in 1895 and 1896; Standard Bearer, 1897 and 1898; Warder, 1899; Junior Warden, 1900; Senior Warden, 1901; Captain General, 1902; Generalissimo, 1903; Eminent Commander, 1904; Trustee, 1905 to 1912, inclusive.

He received the Ineffable Grades March 26, 1896, in Gourgas Lodge of Perfection, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; the Ancient Traditional Grades March 30, 1896, in Pennsylvania Council Princes of Jerusalem, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; the Philosophical and Doctrinal Grades April 2, 1896, in Pittsburgh Chapter of Rose Croix H. R. D. M.; the Modern Historical and Chivalric Grades May 29, 1896, in Pennsylvania Consistory S. P. R. S., in Pittsburgh.

In Pennsylvania Council Princes of Jerusalem, he served as Master of Entrances in 1900; Master of Ceremonies, 1901; Junior Warden, 1902; Senior Warden, 1903; High Priest, 1904; Sovereign Prince, 1905.

In the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, he was elected Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°,

September 22, 1909, at Boston, Massachusetts; crowned Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, September 20, 1910, at Detroit, Michigan.

This remarkable record of service is what we would naturally expect from one who had given such a good account of himself from earliest childhood through manhood.

He advanced step by step, through proficiency to the highest offices, which he regarded as sacred trusts and never used to reward friends or punish foes—if any might consider themselves to be such—for we cannot imagine a man of his nature as the foe of anyone. In all his administrations, his thought was first and always—what would promote the best interests of the Craft.

It was through the natural chivalry of his disposition that six years ago he sustained injuries from which, at the time, it was hardly expected he would recover—when he tried to save a woman from being struck by an approaching locomotive at Rosslyn Station on the Pan Handle Road.

While waiting for a train, he heard the warning shriek of an approaching engine. In the fog he saw the dim form of a woman on the track. Quick as a flash, he sped in the direction of her peril—but was hardly a second too late. This heroic act resulted in the injuries from which he never recovered. In a very real sense his “path of duty was the road to Glory.”

We shall cherish our memory of him as a loving and lovable man—“until the day dawns and the shadows flee away.”

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD HOPE.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS
OF
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter
OF PENNSYLVANIA.

- 1795, WILLIAM BALL.*
1796—1797, WILLIAM MOORE SMITH.*
1798—1802, JONATHAN BAYARD SMITH.*
1802—1805, ISRAEL ISRAEL.*
1806—1813, JAMES MILNOR.*
1814, RICHARD TYBOUT.*
1815, SAMUEL F. BRADFORD.*
1816—1817, WALTER KERR.*
1818—1821, BAYSE NEWCOMB.*
1822—1823, JOSIAH RANDALL.*
1824—1825, MICHAEL NISBET.*
1826, JOHN STEELE, JR.*
1827, TRISTRAM B. FREEMAN.*
1828, JOSEPH S. RILEY.*
1829—1831, JOHN M. READ.*
1832—1833, SAMUEL H. PERKINS.*
1834, ENOS S. GANDY.*
1835, JOHN Y. BLACK.*
1836—1840, JOSEPH R. CHANDLER.*
1841—1842, ALEXANDER DIMOND.*
1843—1844, WILLIAM WHITNEY.*
1845—1846, WILLIAM BARGER.*
1847, JOHN MCGRATH.*
1848, JOHN J. KRIDER.*
1849, JAMES SIMPSON.*
1850—1851, DAVID C. SKERRETT.*
1852—1853, EDWARD P. LESCURE.*
1854, ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE.*

*Deceased.

- 1855—1856, HARMAN BAUGH.*
1857, JOHN C. SMITH.*
1858—1859, DANIEL THOMPSON.*
1860, BENJAMIN PARKE.*
1861, HARMAN YERKES.*
1862—1863, JEREMIAH L. HUTCHINSON.*
1864—1865, GEORGE W. WOOD.*
1866—1867, SAMUEL C. PERKINS.*
1868—1869, GEORGE GRISCOM.*
1870—1871, MICHAEL NISBET.*
1874—1875, ANDREW ROBENO, JR.*
1876, GEORGE E. WAGNER.*
1877—1878, ALFRED R. POTTER.*
1879—1880, WILLIAM C. HAMILTON.*
1881—1882, HIBBERT P. JOHN.
1883—1884, AUGUSTUS R. HALL.*
1885—1886, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR.
1887—1888, MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON.*
1889—1890, JAMES S. BARBER.*
1891—1892, ALEXANDER H. MORGAN.*
1893—1894, EDGAR A. TENNIS.
1895—1896, EZRA S. BARTLETT.*
1897—1898, RICHARD M. JOHNSON.*
1899—1900, MICHAEL W. JACOBS.
1901—1902, EDWARD B. SPENCER.
1903—1904, H. OSCAR KLINE.
1905—1906, J. HENRY WILLIAMS.
1907—1908, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH.
1909—1910, CARL A. SUNDSTROM.
1911—1912, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH.
1913—1914, GEORGE B. WELLS.

*Deceased.

FROM—FRIEND DEATH.

And thou, who severest the dearest earthly ties,
Shall men revile thee? Know they not thou dost but
serve

One infinite in love, in knowledge and in power?
No truer friend hath all mankind. A touch, and all
Of woe we suffer here will cease and peacefully,
As if in sleep, our eyes will close.

Earth's sufferings
Can not invade thy realm. Thy master and our God,
Who doeth all things well, hath need of thee to lead
His shrinking children from the ills they suffer here.

—*Stockton Bates.*

For some we loved, the loveliest and the best
That from his Vintage rolling Time hath prest,
Have drunk their Cup a Round or two before,
And one by one crept silently to rest.

And we that now make merry in the Room
They left, and Summer dresses in new bloom,
Ourselves must we beneath the Couch of Earth
Descend—ourselves to make a Couch for whom?

There was the Door to which I found no Key;
There was the Veil through which I might not see;
Some little talk awhile of Me and Thee
There was—and then no more of Thee and Me.

Strange, is it not? that of the myriads who
Before us pass'd the door of Darkness through,
Not one returns to tell us of the Road,
Which to discover we must travel too.

—*Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam.*



In Memoriam



MOST EXCELLENT GRAND KING

WINFIELD SCOTT BELL

Died August 16, 1914





In Memoriam



MOST EXCELLENT GRAND SCRIBE

SAMUEL LAUGHLIN

Died January 26, 1914



In Memory of
Past High Priests, Deceased

	CHAPTER	-	DIED
WILLIAM Z. SENER	No. 43		Feb. 11, 1914
JOHN HULL	" 43		Apr. 2, 1914
AMOS H. HALL	" 52		May 13, 1914
CHARLES F. WIGNALL	" 91		June 10, 1914
ANDREW J. DOWD	" 161		May 25, 1914
JOHN BURFORD	" 162		Apr. 26, 1914
DANIEL F. DAVIS	" 169		Apr. 11, 1914
AARON L. HAZEN	" 170		June 7, 1914
SAMUEL W. SMITH	" 170		Aug. 6, 1914
JOHN H. GARDNER	" 171		Jan. 24, 1914
FRANK H. PIATT	" 172		Oct. 11, 1914
THEODORE CHESTER	" 174		Jan. 30, 1914
WILLIAM L. YARRINGTON. "	179		Oct. 8, 1913
STEWART L. BARNES	" 182		Nov. 6, 1914
RICHARD MARIS	" 183		Aug. 12, 1914
CHARLES A. ZERBE	" 186		June 20, 1914
WILLIAM HORACE ROSE ..	" 195		Dec. 19, 1913
CURTIS G. CAMPBELL	" 195		Nov. 22, 1914
CHARLES F. DERR	" 196		Jan. 28, 1914
DAVID H. SEIBERT	" 196		May 26, 1914
SIMON G. BOLTZ	" 197		Feb. 10, 1914
HENRY C. BRENNEMAN ...	" 199		Feb. 11, 1914

In Memory of
Past High Priests, Deceased

	CHAPTER	DIED
JOHN T. McFALL	No. 199	Oct. 3, 1914
R. HATHAWAY SHINDLE ..	" 199	Dec. 10, 1913
GEORGE W. TWITMYER	" 204	Feb. 21, 1914
GEORGE H. COBURN	" 207	June 20, 1914
LOUIS WAGNER	" 208	Jan. 15, 1914
HENRY SMITH	" 208	Oct. 10, 1914
SAMUEL N. MILLER	" 209	Apr. 12, 1914
E. RANKIN HUSTON	" 209	May 26, 1914
MARCUS C. FETTER	" 216	May 1, 1914
PRESLEY S. BROWN	" 217	Aug. 14, 1914
GEORGE C. JOHNSTONE ...	" 217	June 14, 1914
JOHN V. LOGAN	" 218	May 2, 1914
LOUIS C. VOSHAGE	" 219	Jan. 16, 1914
THOMAS B. BANCROFT	" 219	Apr. 8, 1914
THOMAS J. WENTZ	" 220	Aug. 4, 1914
ALFRED D. WOLFF	" 221	Nov. 26, 1913
FRANK J. DIEHL	" 221	Dec. 13, 1913
FRANK J. RICHARDS	" 222	Apr. 22, 1914
JOHN GALEN HESS	" 222	Oct. 27, 1914
JAMES K. JACKSON	" 223	Oct. 26, 1914
GEORGE D. BUFFINGTON ..	" 225	Aug. 27, 1914

In Memory of
Past High Priests, Deceased

	CHAPTER	DIED
JOSEPH W. COCHRAN	No. 227	Jan. 27, 1914
ALPHEUS M. WALKER	" 232	May 30, 1914
NICHOLAS SHEPHERD	" 233	Jan. 21, 1914
GEORGE W. HALL	" 233	Sept. 28, 1914
ALBERT H. THOMAS	" 234	Feb. 8, 1914
RICHARD YOUNG	" 234	June 20, 1914
HARRY L. WHITELOCK	" 237	May 6, 1913
SAMUEL E. NEIS	" 237	Mch. 31, 1914
WILLIAM A. RUNKLE	" 237	May 26, 1914
E. MARSH BRASEFIELD ...	" 237	July 29, 1914
CHARLES T. BAKER	" 240	Apr. 1, 1914
JOSEPH R. LONABAUGH ...	" 240	Apr. 8, 1914
JOHN PHILLIPS	" 244	May 1, 1911
JOSEPH S. MILLER	" 248	Nov. 4, 1914
FRANCIS M. AMOS	" 255	July 7, 1914
WALTER D. GREEN	" 256	Oct. 26, 1914
NATHAN SHARPLESS	" 258	Sept. 3, 1914
WILLIAM H. FULLER	" 265	Sept. 15, 1913
GILBERT H. TREMAIN	" 265	Nov. 12, 1912
WELCOME L. PLANK	" 265	Dec. 8, 1912

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The list following shows all the Grand Chapters in correspondence with this Grand Chapter and to whom the reviews were assigned. The proceedings of those Grand Jurisdictions marked with an asterisk did not reach the Grand Secretary in time for distribution.

Alabama	}	WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, P. G. H. P.
Arizona		
Arkansas		
California		
Canada		
Colorado		
Connecticut		
Delaware		
District of Columbia		
England		
England and Wales		
*England, Grand Mark Lodge ...		
Florida	}	A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, P. G. H. P.
*General Grand Chapter		
Georgia		
Idaho		
Illinois		
Indiana		
Iowa		
*Ireland		
Kansas		
Kentucky		
Louisiana		
Maine		



Samuel Langhlin

M. E. Grand Scribe

1913-1914

Maryland, 1913, 1914	}	STOCKTON BATES.
Massachusetts		
Michigan		
Minnesota, 1913, 1914		
Mississippi		
Missouri		
*Montana		
Nebraska		
Nevada		
New Brunswick		
New Hampshire, 1913, 1914		
New Jersey		
New Mexico	}	JOHN M. CORE.
New York		
North Carolina		
North Dakota		
Nova Scotia		
*Ohio		
Oklahoma, 1913, 1914		
Oregon		
Quebec		
*Rhode Island		
Scotland		
South Carolina		
South Dakota	}	WALTER T. TAGGART.
*Tennessee		
*Texas		
Utah		
*Vermont		
Victoria		
*Virginia		
Washington		
West Virginia		
*Wisconsin		
*Wyoming		

In presenting the report of the Committee on Correspondence for the Masonic year ending December 27, 1914, would say that the same alphabetical division of the fifty-nine Jurisdictions, with whom

we are in correspondence, has been made as in preceding years.

The proceedings of all Jurisdictions which have been furnished the Committee have been carefully and conscientiously reviewed. If any have been omitted, blame the Grand Secretary of the particular Jurisdiction, or the United States mails.

In many instances the Committees on Correspondence are made up of men well advanced in years, who have given their best years to the study of Capitular Masonry and, in their reviews, are giving to their Companions the results of their study.

Reviewing must not be taken to mean either the correction of so-called errors, or the criticising of the particular methods of procedure in certain matters of other Jurisdictions, but to set forth their ideas, based upon the requirements of their own Jurisdiction as forcibly as they see fit, having a care that the language used will leave no sting; in other words, that the language shall be purely Masonic. The day has passed when any Committee on Correspondence will claim that their particular Jurisdiction has an exclusive patent on any part of Freemasonry.

We have read with care the proceedings of the Grand Chapters which have been assigned to us, and as much of others as possible, and it is a pleasure to express our belief that the Grand Chapters are in a

happy and prosperous condition; that the Subordinate Chapters are more than ever before interested in Capitular work, not alone in teaching the work, but in urging a compliance with its teachings.

Capitular Masonry at this time occupies an honorable and prominent position in the Masonic world, due in a measure to the beautiful and impressive lessons taught in the several degrees. The Mark Master Mason's and Fellow-Craft Mason's Degrees, while of more modern origin, appeal to us all, but as Pennsylvanians we are especially attached to the Royal Arch Degree, as we are led to believe that the first time it was conferred on the American Continent was within her bounds. About the middle of the eighteenth century it was conferred in Philadelphia, under the authority of the Warrant of Lodge No. 3, and that Royal Arch Lodge No. 3 (now Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 3) has a continued existence since December 3, 1767, while the Mark Master Mason's and Most Excellent Master Mason's Degrees, although conferred, were not officially recognized as part of Capitular Masonry until 1825.

Today we bid adieu to the old Masonic year, and welcome the new, and may He, whose name we all reverence, watch over us, giving us renewed energy to labor faithfully for our beloved Fraternity.

W. B. M.

December 28, 1914.

ALABAMA.

The Eighty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama was held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Montgomery, on Monday, December 7, 1913.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at nine o'clock A. M. by the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion JOHN B. LYON. All the Grand Chapter Officers were present (except Grand Master of the First Vail), nine Past Grand High Priests and the Representatives of sixty-three Chapters.

The Grand High Priest delivered his annual address. It is a good one, but as all such addresses must be, it is, in the main, a review of his actions as Grand High Priest. He starts out with this declaration:

“I do not care to preface my address with a lot of polished platitudes.”

Then proceeds with this gem:

“The original diamond must be polished to sparkle. The brightest and best brains of the past have polished and re-polished the Ritual of Capitular Masonry until it is a gem of truth-teachings, as well as a masterpiece of rhetoric. Study it and you will learn more than from all the addresses we have ever written.

“This has been an eventful year, in a worldly way; there have been storms, floods and revolutions, but withal, we have much to be thankful for. I need not recount the important events that have occurred—you are thoroughly familiar with them.”

In referring to the Fraternal dead, he uses the following:

“As one would gently pluck a flower, our Heavenly Father reached out on August 7th and took from our midst our beloved Past Grand High Priest, William Wallace Screws.

“He was not only a most loyal Mason, but a statesman, a churchman and a friend whose friendship every one who knew him valued as a treasure.”

The usual number of Dispensations to elect officers, ballot out of time and confer degrees, *always for good and sufficient reasons*, were granted.

On the subject of the Widows and Orphans Home, we commend his appeal to our Chapters as applying to our Grand Lodge Masonic Home.

“Charity is the keystone that binds the several parts of our Royal Arch into one perfect and complete whole, whereby the superstructure of Freemasonry is supported.

“While we enjoy the companionship of the Craft, we also have our duty to our dead. Some of our Companions who have passed the Celestial Veils, leaving their widows and orphans to continue the journey through the desert of life, unaccompanied by their Principal Sojourner, have left to us the task of caring for their loved ones.

“The Masonic Widows and Orphans Home, an institution of which we are justly proud, is but the first stone in the foundation of such an institution as we are beginning to need. The present age needs, and the coming ages will more need, systematically conducted charitable institutions.

“Conforming to a suggestion made by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, to make donations for the Home, on the occasion of the Annual Convocations in June, I would urge that each member of the Subordinate Chapters who is able to do so, make a donation. This is the cause of every true Mason and by each contributing even a small amount, the aggregate will do a great good.”

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of two thousand two hundred ninety-five and 77/100 dollars (\$2,295.77).

The following Amendment to the Constitution was adopted:

“*Be It Resolved*, That Rule 9 of Constitutional Rules, page 180, Chapter Manual, be amended to read as follows:

“(9) One balloting elects a candidate to all the degrees, but any Companion, a member of that Chapter, may by objection, made in open Chapter, prevent the advancement of any candidate, at any time previous

to the candidate's receiving any one of the degrees, so long as the member objecting remains a member of that Chapter, or until such objection is withdrawn.' ''

This is similar to our law, except from "so long" to end of paragraph.

The special Committee appointed at last Annual Convocation on inspection of Chapters, reported recommending the division of the State into seven districts; each district to be under the supervision of a Grand Officer, to be designated by the Grand High Priest. Approaching our system, but why not let the Grand High Priest select a Past High Priest as his special Deputy?

The Committee on Work exemplified the work and conferred the Degree of Royal Arch Mason upon three, one being a substitute. The Chapters of the Jurisdiction should soon be familiar with the work.

A proposition to amend the Constitution providing for the election of all Grand Officers, from Grand High Priest to Grand Sentinel, was rejected. We think, justly so.

An Amendment to reduce the minimum for conferring the degrees, from thirty dollars to twenty dollars, was also defeated. Evidently Alabama does not believe in cheap Masonry. I congratulate them.

The present membership of the Grand Chapter is thirty-nine hundred and forty-three (3943), an increase of one hundred sixty-seven during the year.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the Dean of the Committee on Correspond-

ence, M. E. Companion WILLIAM YATES TITCOMB. We are accorded a four page review. He cannot endorse the perfect youth theory of Pennsylvania. We can, and there it must end.

In closing, this distinguished Companion uses the following language:

“Over the deficiencies of this report our Companions are asked to spread the ‘Broad Mantle.’ If the Great I Am spares us to write another review, we will try to do better.”

The Great I Am decreed otherwise. At eight o’clock A. M. Tuesday, December 23, 1913, this dearly beloved, and deeply lamented Companion WILLIAM YATES TITCOMB, was summoned from earth to heaven.

An engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest adorns the first page of the proceedings.

M. E. Companion ALBERT E. PASE was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Grand Secretary. Both were installed.

W. B. M.

ARIZONA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arizona held their Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Phoenix, on Wednesday, February 11, 1914.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*, at two o’clock P. M., by the Grand High Priest, M. E.

Companion HARRY HOUSTON HUGHART. All Grand Officers (except Grand Chaplain), also ten Past Grand High Priests and Representatives of the eight Chapters of the Jurisdiction were present.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was presented; they also recommended the admission of all Companions to the Sessions of Grand Chapter. The report was concurred in.

The Grand High Priest then delivered his address. It is brief and refers to his actions as Grand High Priest and to his own Jurisdiction.

He was prompt in forwarding funds to the relief of the flood sufferers. By his direction, the Grand Secretary forwarded one hundred dollars (\$100) to the Treasurer of the Relief Committee.

It is remarkable that not an application for Dispensation to hold meetings at other than time named in the By-laws, or confer degrees out of time, was made. In the case of an application from the Grand High Priest of Illinois, for Waiver of Jurisdiction over a Brother residing in Arizona, he promptly referred it to the Chapter nearest his residence.

He made three Visitations during the year.

His idea of the conditions existing in the Grand Chapter is as follows:

“No questions of jurisprudence have been referred to me, and no decisions requested; which gives me the gratifying assurance that the Rules and Regulations of our Order are thoroughly understood, and our Landmarks firmly established.”

The Grand Chapter is to be congratulated that such a happy condition of affairs exists.

The Grand Secretary's report shows the present membership to be seven hundred and thirty-three (733). A gain of twenty during the year.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows the resources of Grand Chapter to be five thousand eight hundred seventy-eight and 81/100 dollars (\$5,878.81).

All Committees of Grand Chapter made their customary annual reports, which were adopted.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence is brief; we give it:

“Your Committee on Jurisprudence begs leave to report that nothing has been referred to it for consideration, which seems to be indicative of the fact that the officers of the Subordinate Chapters in the Grand Jurisdiction are well versed in the Laws, Rules and Regulations appertaining to Capitular Masonry.”

Certainly favorable conditions, which do not exist in many Jurisdictions.

No report for publication was made by the Committee on Correspondence, for good and sufficient reasons.

As you open the copy of the proceedings, you look upon the face of the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion HARRY HOUSTON HUGHART.

M. E. Companion GEORGE ALEXANDER BRIDGE was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion GEORGE J. ROSKRUGE re-elected Grand Secretary; both were installed.

W. B. M.

ARKANSAS.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Arkansas held their Sixty-fourth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Little Rock, on Thursday, November 20, 1913.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*, at ten o'clock A. M., by M. E. Companion ROBERT LIDDELL, Grand High Priest. All Grand Officers (except R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest and E. Grand Master of the Third Vail) were present, also twelve Past Grand High Priests and Representatives of sixty-four Chapters.

M. E. Companion CHARLES E. RIX, Grand Principal Sojourner of the M. E. General Grand Chapter, was presented and welcomed, and accorded the Grand Honors.

The Grand High Priest then delivered his address, in which he reviews his actions as Grand High Priest.

He is of the opinion that Capitular Masonry is making progress, as is indicated by the following:

“In submitting to you a report of my official acts, and rendering an account of the trust you reposed in me one year ago, I am glad to say, from returns of Subordinate Chapters, though incomplete, and from other sources, that while a few Chapters are dormant and several others are doing but little, the Royal Craft in our Jurisdiction is in fair condition. While the gain in membership has not been large, the interest in Capitular Masonry is, in my opinion, increasing, as indicated by the increase in attendance at Grand Chapter each year.

“Therefore, I am encouraged to believe that we are progressing, and that our branch of Masonry is doing its part in uplifting and upholding mankind; especially wherever its sublime truths are presented and practiced by our members.”

He refers to the dead of his own and sister Jurisdictions, particularly to Past Grand High Priest, Companion JOHN M. OATHOUT, who preceded him as Grand High Priest, and Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion C. L. BROWN, who, in all probability, had he lived, would have succeeded him as Grand High Priest.

He made but two Visits during the year.

In the matter of granting Dispensations, he was very particular, and had to be convinced of the necessity before granting; hence he granted very few. He gives his views for not granting as follows:

“I received numerous other applications for special dispensations to ballot upon petitions without waiting the lawful time, but I refused to grant them as they were not cases of emergency. And I understand that in such cases only should the Grand High Priest exercise this power.”

He made three Decisions, two of which are, doubtless, good law in Arkansas; the third Decision we give both the question asked and answer given:

“Another question was submitted, and my answer follows:

“ ‘How much authority may the High Priest use to prevent or stop foolishness or frivolity by members while conferring degrees?

“ ‘Answer: If necessary, he may and should exercise all the authority with which he, as presiding officer of a Masonic body, is invested by parliamentary and Masonic law and usage, which every Mason should respect and be governed by, and failing or refusing to do so, he is subject to discipline.’ ”

It is good Masonic law and common sense. Horseplay in any Masonic Degree should be stopped at any cost; to effectually stop it, the discipline should be severe.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows the present membership to be four thousand two hundred and fifty-nine (4,259); an increase of forty-six during the year.

In his report he also pays his respects to the Subordinate Chapters, presumably the Secretaries:

“In submitting this report I feel that it is my duty to call the attention of the Representatives of Chapters to the lamentable fact that reports of many Chapters are withheld until the last moment when the law is specific that Chapters that do not report by November 1 stop the payment of mileage and per diem to its Representatives. Only thirty-five Chapters sent in reports on time, and even today there are fourteen Chapters not reported. This works a hardship on your Grand Secretary in compiling accurate statistics for the consideration and satisfaction of this body.”

We heartily indorse what he says.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of twenty-four hundred thirty-seven and 08/100 dollars (\$2437.08).

A Committee was appointed for the purpose of procuring a Jewel for each Past Grand High Priest. Unfortunately the Committee, composed of Past Grand High Priests, being modest men, returned the resolution without recommendation.

A resolution in reference to official Visitations by the Grand High Priests, was offered as follows:

“*Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter believes it to the best interests of Capitular Masonry in this State that the Grand High Priest make annual official visits to each Subordinate Chapter in the State, in so far as it may be possible for him to do so.

“That the expenses of such official visits be borne out of the Treasury of the Grand Chapter, authority for such disbursements being hereby given the Grand Treasurer upon warrants drawn by the Grand Secretary, signed by the Grand High Priest.”

The resolution was deserving of favorable consideration, but the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom it was referred, reported against its adoption. The resolution was right and proper, these Visitations should be made, and Grand Chapter should pay the bill.

One thousand dollars was appropriated to the “Masonic Orphans’ Home,” at Batesville.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by Companion GORDON HUFFMUSTER. It is a well prepared report. Our Jurisdiction receives favorable notice.

His conclusion is as follows:

“Our journey has been unattended by hazard. Our travel has been along paths of peace. Our sojourns have been with those possessed of a white stone, written therein a new name which no man knoweth save he that hath received it. Our associations have been pleasant and our companions agreeable. We bring to you naught but the olive branch as a token of the white winged messenger of peace from the harvest fields of Capitular endeavor.”

An engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest adorns the proceedings.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM R. CHESTNUT was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion JOHN C. BONE was re-elected Grand Secretary. Both were installed.

W. B. M.

CALIFORNIA.

The Sixtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California, was held in the new Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, on Tuesday, April 21, 1914, at ten o'clock A. M.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* by M. E. Companion WILLIAM WHITTINGHAM LYMAN, Grand High Priest. All officers (except M. E. Grand King) were present, and Representatives of ninety-nine of the one hundred and three Subordinate Chapters.

Following a custom, the Grand Representatives were saluted with the Grand Honors, and heartily welcomed by the Grand High Priest.

Another custom was observed, that of extending a cordial reception and the Grand Honors to the earthquake and fire survivors. An eloquent response was made by Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion CHARLES FAYETTE LOTT.

The Grand High Priest presented his annual address. While it refers particularly to his own Jurisdiction, a portion of it is deserving of a place in our proceedings, especially that they may know that their new Temple is completed.

“Once again has time in its rapid flight marked another period in the history and progress of Royal Arch Masonry. Again has the executive head

of this branch of our Order to rise in his place in Annual Convocation and render an account of his stewardship. It is with feelings of thankfulness to the Great I Am that I congratulate you on the onward and upward progress of Capitular Masonry. Meeting for the first time in this magnificent and beautifully proportioned structure which was, last October, dedicated to the grand and noble uses and purposes of our beloved Order, we cannot but feel imbued with deep thankfulness to the Great Architect of the Universe for granting us this privilege."

The Companions of California are to be congratulated upon the completion of their new Masonic Temple. They now have a permanent abiding place.

But five Dispensations were issued during the year. He certainly had a strenuous year, so far as Visitations are concerned, having made twenty-four Visitations to Subordinate Chapters, and attempted others, but was caught in rain and floods of Southern California.

Speaking of his Visitations to Chapters in all parts of the State he says: "I have met with universal kindness and hospitality."

The report of the Grand Secretary shows the membership on January 31, 1914, to be thirteen thousand one hundred and eighteen (13,118); a net increase during the year of four hundred and twenty-six (426).

The Grand Treasurer's report shows the total assets of the Grand Chapter to be sixty-six thousand one hundred fifty-nine and 30/100 dollars (\$66,159.30). They hold five thousand (5,000)

shares of the stock of the new Masonic Temple, and have subscribed for more.

The active man of the Grand Chapter is the Grand Lecturer, he certainly is busy. He made fifty visits during the year, two being for Constituting new Chapters. The Committee on Address of Grand High Priest says: "We have the best and most able Grand Lecturer." The Grand Chapter increased his salary to twenty-four hundred dollars. He comes high, but is worth it.

A proposition was offered, providing that continuous Chapter membership for fifty years shall constitute a membership in the Grand Chapter. The Committee on Jurisprudence reported adversely to it; wise action—it is certainly against the spirit of Capitular Masonry.

The Royal Arch Mason's Degree was conferred by California Chapter No. 5, in the presence of the officers and members of the Grand Chapter.

The report of the Committee on New Temple was presented. It shows the cost of the new Temple to April 1, 1914, to be nine hundred twenty-five thousand one hundred forty-three and 29/100 dollars (\$925,143.29).

An event of great importance to the Grand Chapter of California is the Panama-Pacific Exposition and Triennial Convocation of the General Grand

Chapter, on September 1, 2 and 3, 1915. No doubt, the latter will be a notable occasion, with a large attendance of the members at the meeting of the General Grand Chapter; even some Pennsylvanians may look in upon the meeting.

The Grand Chapter of California has appropriated eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) for the reception and entertainment of the Representatives of the General Grand Bodies of the Capitular and Cryptic Rites.

An additional per capita tax of seventy-five cents was levied for the present year to meet the extraordinary expenses.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by M. E. Companion WILLIAM A. DAVIES, the oldest Past Grand High Priest. It is an able and complete report and well worth reading. Our Jurisdiction is given a complimentary review. His conclusion is as follows:

“Once more our pleasant, although, by reason of our eighty-seven years, somewhat arduous task is finished. Whether for good or ill we leave to the consideration of those who may feel inclined and spare the time to read the foregoing review. In closing, we again wish to convey to our Companion Correspondents our very deep appreciation of their sympathy and good wishes received through their several reports. May God bless you all and may good fortune and prosperity attend you always.”

Remarkable for a man of his years. May a kind Providence give him health and strength for years to come, so that he may continue his labor of love.

The first page of the proceedings contains a steel engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion WILLIAM WHITTINGHAM LYMAN.

M. E. Companion THOMAS OCHTREIGH HEYDENFELDT was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES was re-elected Grand Secretary; they were installed.

W. B. M.

CANADA.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada met in Masonic Hall, in the city of Toronto, on Wednesday, February 25, 1914.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*, at ten o'clock A. M., by M. E. Companion DANIEL MACWATT, Grand Z.; twenty-four of thirty Grand Officers, twelve of the twenty Grand Superintendents, and Representatives of one hundred and sixteen Chapters were present.

The Grand Z. delivered his address; it is quite lengthy, and deals mainly with matters pertaining to this Grand Chapter. There are some subjects which would be of benefit to any Grand Chapter. His introduction is pleasing:

“In formally welcoming you to the Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation, it is pleasing to be able to tell, that the year ending 31st December last has been one of the best in the history of Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction, financially and numerically. We have had, as well, that harmony which

should always prevail among Masons of every degree. It is with very great pleasure I notice the large attendance at our Annual Convocations. It shows that the interest in Capitular Masonry is well maintained.''

The amount contributed for benevolence by the Grand and Subordinate Chapters during the year, amounted to fifty-nine hundred thirty-five and 58/100 dollars (\$5935.58).

He speaks very plainly in reference to the office of Scribe E. (similar to our Secretary), every word he says is true; in too many cases the Secretary causes much trouble, and, in instances, delays proceedings. It would, however, be a hardship to take up the Warrant of a Chapter for the inefficiency of the Secretary; better try removing the Secretary from office.

The dead of his own and sister Jurisdictions receive kindly mention. We quote his introduction to this subject:

“There is one visitor whose call defies the janitor’s vigilance and on whose summons there is placed the imperative mark that means direct obedience. The angel of death has taken from the membership of the Chapters over a hundred and seventy Companions whose passing will be felt in a more or less degree. Many were probably quiet and unobtrusive when in our gatherings, yet as deeply imbued with the principles of the institution as the most studious of its votaries. Others, again, let their love for the Royal Craft manifest itself in the active life of its business or ceremonial working. All cannot attain to official rank or position, but the humblest Craftsman has a right to as great reward as the highest, and having faithfully performed his task is certain to leave behind a cherished memory, albeit his circle may be small.’’

He visited the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, at the Convocation held in August, 1913, and was

cordially received. He visited twelve Chapters and attended nine schools of instruction.

In speaking of circulars issued, we quote his explanations:

“The other matter was with reference to the exemplification of our work in foreign or sister Jurisdictions, and of the exemplification of their work in our Jurisdiction. As the circular clearly sets forth, I am heartily in favor of an exchange of fraternal visits, which is most commendable and truly desirable, and I am ready at all times to welcome visitors from sister Jurisdictions or to visit them when I can do so, but the question of the exemplification of the work is a far different matter. I am of the opinion that our work must be confined to our own Jurisdiction and that Grand Chapter could not, without amending the Constitution, authorize it to be exemplified outside of this Jurisdiction, and if I am correct, then the Grand First Principal has no authority to allow it to be done. Procedure has been to apply to the Chief Executive Officer in each Jurisdiction to grant a Dispensation to allow the Chapter to exemplify the work. Now what is a Dispensation, in the accepted Masonic sense? It is to confirm, legalize or make regular what has *unwittingly* been done in an irregular or an illegal manner. If this be accurate, the absurdity of our procedure heretofore is manifest. The Chief Executive Officer is asked to grant a Dispensation to allow a Chapter to *knowingly* perform an illegal act. This I refuse to do.”

This is certainly good common sense and sound Masonic law, and should have the approval of every Grand Chapter. The work of each Jurisdiction is their own, it seems to the writer to be grossly unmasonic to confer or exemplify it in another Jurisdiction.

Dispensations were issued for the formation of eight new Chapters. A number of requests were made, and decisions given on the subjects, none of which would be of any interest to our Jurisdiction,

unless it would be when he “refused to allow a Chapter Room to be leased to a body called the Eastern Star, as it is not recognized as Masonic by Craft Masonry in this Jurisdiction”; a little tough on the female Masons. Craft Masonry in Pennsylvania is equally positive on this subject, much to the disgust of our female Masons.

On the question of life membership, he has pronounced views:

“As in Grand Lodge so in Grand Chapter life membership is a source of weakness. In my own view no life membership should be permitted, unless the fees therefrom are kept sacred for that purpose and safely invested by the Chapter. If this be not done the Chapter is bound to suffer and trouble will certainly ensue. In fact there is so much trouble that it might be as well for Grand Chapter to consider whether or not all such fees should not be paid into Grand Chapter, to the credit of the Subordinate Chapters, and then it would be properly looked after. Of course this would be said to be an interference with the funds of private Chapters, and there is no doubt it would, but if the safety of the funds would thereby be the outcome, surely it would be for the benefit of all concerned.”

We certainly agree with the Grand Z. It has always seemed to the writer that if Subordinate Chapters have Life Membership, it should be under a By-law, providing that the principal should be held in such a manner that it could never be touched, and only the interest available for Chapter purposes.

The reports of the District Superintendents, which are always an important feature in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, are unusually interesting this year.

The report of the Grand Scribe E. reviews the conditions of Capitular Masonry in the Jurisdiction, and is certainly of interest to the Subordinate Chapters, and interesting reading for any Companion. It shows the receipts of the Grand Chapter, during the year to be eleven thousand three hundred seventy-seven and 46/100 dollars (\$11,377.46).

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows the total assets of the Grand Chapter to be thirty-eight thousand three hundred ninety-nine and 82/100 dollars (\$38,399.82).

The report of the Executive Committee on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Jurisdiction, in speaking of the Grand Chapter, says:

“This year there are twenty-four Grand Superintendents in charge of districts, besides an acting Superintendent who has had supervision of our outlying Chapter at Dawson City in the Yukon district. The Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter extends over all territory in the Dominion of Canada lying west of the Ottawa River, which makes it one of the largest Jurisdictions in the world.”

They are unquestionably correct, and would have been, had they said the largest Jurisdiction in the world.

The Grand Chapter of Canada is a migratory body, and the next place of meeting selected was London, in the Province of Ontario.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is again prepared by R. E. Companion GEORGE J. BENNETT. It is an able and interesting report, filled with

sound Masonic doctrine. We quote from his conclusion:

“Although this writer may not see it, it is nevertheless his belief that the day will dawn when the recently born ‘doctrines’ and ‘principles’ that have unhappily been introduced to do duty for the pure Masonic tenets handed down to us by the fathers, will experience a rude upheaval and a return to ancient usage mark a reawakened era, giving promise of a saner future for the Ancient Craft.

“But meantime, innovation creeps in, in spite of the guardians whom one would naturally expect to battle valiantly against the encroachment, but having once adopted the little stranger they become, instead, its strenuous defenders. This writer has, from conviction, steadily and consistently opposed what he believed to be a wrong to the institution and, while given strength and opportunity, will continue that opposition. He has been a subject for criticism, mild and otherwise. Many who have thought and argued in agreement have either passed away or meekly submitted to the will of the modernizer. Perhaps we are stubborn, possibly dense, but we surely will be given credit for acting as conscience directs even though wise heads are shaken dubiously and fraternal pity is expressed for one who ‘perhaps means well’ but entertains ‘old-fashioned conservative ideas.’ ”

M. E. Companion DANIEL F. MACWATT was re-elected Grand Z., and R. E. Companion GEORGE J. BENNETT was re-elected Grand Scribe E.; both were installed.

W. B. M.

COLORADO.

The Fortieth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado, was held in the Masonic Temple, at Denver, on September 17, 1914.

In the absence of the Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter was opened by R. E. Companion ANTHONY

RIESENECKER, Deputy Grand High Priest. All other Grand Officers and Representatives of forty-four of the forty-six Chapters were present. A most creditable showing. It is apparent that more than ordinary interest in the affairs of Grand Chapter is taken by the Subordinate Chapters; it wouldn't hurt if ours would do likewise.

The usual custom of extending a welcome to the Grand Representatives was observed. They were introduced and welcomed by the Deputy Grand High Priest. The response was made by M. E. Companion FRANK L. BISHOP; it was an appropriate address, especially at this time.

"It is indeed an honor that has been assigned to me to make response on behalf of the Grand Representatives to the words of welcome just uttered by yourself. I appreciate that it is a custom long established by this Grand Chapter, and it is a most beautiful one, and, it seems to me, on this occasion, that possibly it is more so than it has been for many years. We can not help but be more than ever proud and thankful to belong to an organization at this time in which peace and unity reigns, when a large part of humanity is engaged in needless strife and destruction and death. We can not help but give thanks more sincerely and more fervently that we are honored by membership in an Order as large as the Masonic Fraternity which is at peace with itself and with the entire world. I believe, Right Excellent Sir, that the prayers of the Masonic Fraternity throughout the universe will go up fervently to the Supreme Ruler for a speedy end to the strife which is now raging on the other side of the ocean."

Declining health compelled the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion HARRY HENDRIC, to remove from the Jurisdiction. His address was read by the Deputy Grand High Priest; it covers the time until his departure from the Jurisdiction. During service he was active, making three Visitations; granting two

requests and refusing one, giving his reasons therefor as follows:

“On November 22, 1913, I received a long distance telephone call from the Excellent High Priest of Steamboat Chapter No. 34, requesting me to grant my permission to allow him to get the verbal consent of one or more members of said Chapter to accept a petition which had been elected at a Convocation when only eight were present. I refused such permission, and saying I would write him, hung up my phone. I wrote him that I could not grant his request and instructed him that all business transacted, while no quorum was present, was invalid and directed that they correct their records accordingly.”

It must have been an overzealous Mason who would make such a request. On the question of a quorum, we take it for granted that each Jurisdiction has a law; with us it is required that three Royal Arch Masons shall be present to open a Chapter, but the Degrees cannot be conferred unless six are present. Any violation of law on this question necessarily makes the action null and void.

He issued the usual number of Dispensations, doubtless for good and sufficient reasons.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion ANTHONY RIESENECKER, also presented an address covering his period of service. In two instances, upon requests of Grand High Priests of other Jurisdictions, he authorized two Chapters in Colorado to confer the Degrees upon applicants who had been approved in their Jurisdictions. Have noticed many such actions in various Grand Chapters, have been unable to find authority for it, unless it be a preroga-

tive of the Grand High Priest. Am not finding fault, but would like information.

He granted six Dispensations for various purposes, for good and sufficient reasons: One was to confer the historical section of the Royal Arch Mason's Degree on two trios; have already given my views on this subject and quoted other authority on it, where is the matter to end? Probably the next we hear will be the conferring the Degrees on a dozen at a time. Certainly, the requirements of Ancient Masonry were upon three (3), no more, no less. Why depart from it? By what authority can a Grand High Priest set aside a landmark?

At the request of the Grand High Priest, the Grand Officers visited certain Chapters officially, and made report to the Grand Chapter. In this way most of the Subordinate Chapters were visited. Why not adopt Pennsylvania's plan and have District Deputy Grand High Priests, then, with efficient Deputies, every Chapter would be visited.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows the invested assets of the Grand Chapter to be eight thousand dollars (\$8,000), with a cash balance of forty-five hundred forty-two and 47/100 dollars (\$4542.47).

The report of the Grand Secretary shows the membership July 31, 1914, to be fifty-three hundred and twenty-seven (5327), a net gain of one hundred and thirty (130) during the year.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is again prepared by M. E. Companion ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER. It is certainly a valuable report and reflects great credit upon the writer. To review fifty-one Jurisdictions, making about ten thousand pages of printed matter, is no small task; one who does so is certainly entitled to the commendation of his Grand Chapter.

The first page of the proceedings has an engraving of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion ANTHONY RIESENECKER.

M. E. Companion ANTHONY RIESENECKER was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion CHARLES H. JACOBSON re-elected Grand Scribe; both were installed.

W. B. M.

CONNECTICUT.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut held their One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Hall, in the city of Hartford, on Tuesday, May 12, 1914.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*, at ten o'clock A. M., by M. E. Companion LOUIS L. BEACH, Grand High Priest. All Grand Officers (except two), eighteen Past Grand High Priests and Representatives of all Chapters were present.

A number of distinguished visitors from New Jersey, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and New York were present. They were introduced, received the Grand Honors, and were welcomed by the Grand High Priest. Eloquent responses were made by the visitors, and "*they were heartily applauded.*" With us the applause would have to be left out, as it is not permitted in any Masonic body in the Jurisdiction. It has become an almost universal custom among Grand Chapters to exchange visits. It is to be encouraged. The Grand High Priest thus refers to these Visitations:

"This interchange of fraternal visits means much more than a passing pleasure. Pleasant intercourse with our neighbors is the joy of life and the essence of friendship."

The Grand High Priest presented his address, from which we quote the following:

"This is one of the milestones of Capitular Masonry of Connecticut. With a sense of our responsibility, let us endeavor to deliberate and legislate for the good of Royal Arch Masonry, so that the results will be to the credit of Connecticut and ourselves.

"May our deliberations be Masonic in the fullest meaning of the word. May the social and fraternal spirit shown by the hearty handclasp and the cordial greeting, rekindle in us a devotion to the virtues symbolized by blue, purple, scarlet and white which will dominate our lives throughout the ensuing year."

Beautiful sentiments, beautifully expressed.

He made a large number of Visitations. In speaking of his Visitations, he uses the following language:

"I have now visited every Chapter in our Jurisdiction officially and the experience has been very instructive. I have made several unofficial

visits, accompanying the other Grand Chapter officers, which have been very pleasureable. The condition of all the Chapters seems to be good. The books are usually well kept and paraphernalia necessary for work in good order. The banquets are a feature much enjoyed, for here good fellowship finds vent.

“The loyalty of all Chapters to the Grand Chapter is noticeable and the courtesy to the Grand Chapter officers is highly commended.”

He urges uniformity in recording minutes, and all forms used by Secretaries, and even recommends a Secretaries' Association. He cannot be too strong in urging uniformity in matters pertaining to the Secretary's office. Cannot see much use of a Secretaries' Association. Wouldn't it be better to have the Grand Secretary prepare all forms and blanks used by the Secretaries, and have the Grand High Priest enforce their use? This certainly would establish uniformity.

He issued five Dispensations for various purposes, to hold a meeting at other than time named in the By-laws, to ballot at a special meeting on an applicant.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved three of the Dispensations and disapproved two. Better have disapproved all. What is the necessity of a Constitution, if it can be set aside at the pleasure of a Grand High Priest?

A question on qualifications of an applicant was presented, which he referred to the Grand Chapter, as follows:

“May 4, 1914, received a request from Pythagoras Chapter No. 17, asking if they could confer the degrees on Brother B., who had lost part

of his left arm, he agreeing to procure an artificial hand to conform to the requirements.

“Answer: Brother B. should demonstrate his ability to conform satisfactorily to the requirements of the Blue Lodge before his name could be considered for Capitular degrees. See Lockwood’s Masonic Law and Practice, Chapter VI, Section 4, page 38.

“Whether his infirmity is such as to render him ineligible for Capitular degrees is such a delicate and vital question and, so far as I am informed, there is no precedent governing such a case in Connecticut, and as the Grand Chapter is to meet so soon, I will bring the matter before this Grand Body for its decision.”

The question was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who made the following report:

“In the matter of the request of Pythagoras Chapter No. 17, on the application of a Brother who has lost a part of his left arm to receive the degrees of Capitular Masonry, we would recommend that it be held in abeyance until such time as the applicant shall procure an artificial arm and prove by demonstration to the Grand High Priest ‘that he possesses the full enjoyment of all those faculties, organs, limbs and members which are necessary for the reception and imparting of Masonic knowledge and for a full compliance with all the forms and ceremonies employed in such reception and imparting as practiced from time immemorial among Masons.’ See Lockwood’s Masonic Law and Practice, page 37, paragraph 3.”

We also quote Companion STOCKTON BATES, of the Committee on Correspondence of this Jurisdiction. In reviewing Kansas in 1913, in speaking of a Decision on this subject made in Illinois, he says:

“Would the language of instruction be modified in such a case to ‘Raise your right *stump*’? But just how the instructee could ‘grasp’ anything, we just at the moment don’t see.”

We quote his conclusion, because we like it:

“At the beginning of the year, I was not insensible of the high importance of the duties of the Grand High Priest. I hope I have merited the high honor bestowed upon me by you. In passing my gavel on to him whom you will choose, I do so with a feeling of sadness that my term is over. It is, however, with gladness that I know that our institution will live on for me to enjoy and labor in as long as I may live.”

Reports were also made by the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, reviewing their visits to Subordinate Chapters; all agree upon the fact that Capitular Masonry is in a prosperous condition in the Jurisdiction.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand of forty-five hundred fifteen and 17/100 dollars (\$4515.17).

The report of the Grand Secretary shows the present membership to be nine thousand three hundred and thirty-one (9,331); a gain of three hundred and twenty during the year.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is again prepared by M. E. Companion GEORGE A. KIES. It is certainly an interesting and instructive report. Pennsylvania is treated kindly and accorded a four-page review.

An engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest adorns the first page.

The proceedings contain extracts from Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, from 1813 to 1913, compiled for their one hundredth anniversary; it is interesting reading.

M. E. Companion HORACE W. EDDY was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion JAMES McCORMICK was re-elected Grand Secretary; they were installed.

W. B. M.

DELAWARE.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware met in its Forty-sixth Annual Convocation on the twenty-first day of January, 1914, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Wilmington.

Grand Chapter was opened at four o'clock and fifteen minutes P. M. All Grand Officers (except two), and Representatives of the four Chapters of the Jurisdiction were present; also a large number of permanent members.

The Grand High Priest presented his address. We think the first paragraph of sufficient importance to quote:

“Another year has been added to the past, and all the records of our deeds with their gains and losses are but memories, and have become a part of our individual history. If the past achievements of a race are but memories, yet are they also the great impelling forces that cause progress in human affairs, and make practical the principles and ideals of our Fraternity, by which we shall measure and square the activities of our lives, and so develop the finer elements of humanity. The present must always have its roots in the past and all our deeds must necessarily find their inspiration in nobler deeds achieved, in better lives lived, and in greater services done. The examples of sympathy, of honor, of unselfishness, of justice are only the links in the golden chain that connect the present with the past. May these records be such as will stand the test of the Grand Overseer's Square and serve to stimulate us, as Masons, to greater activity and zeal so that our great Fraternity may continue to spread its beneficent influence among mankind.”

In referring to the dead of his own and sister Jurisdictions, the custom of having a prayer service was observed; prayer was offered by Companion

Rev. J. EDGAR FRANKLIN; it is beautiful, fervent and impressive, as follows:

“Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, at this silent season, to whom can we come save to Thee? Thou hast the words of eternal life. We thank Thee that under all the circumstances of life we may approach Thy footstool and find favor in Thy sight. Amid the busy hours of life we can stop and linger for a few moments in prayer, which, we are assured in Thy holy Word, is an acceptable offering.

“We would praise and magnify Thy most holy name for our preservation and for Thy constant care over us. Whilst Thou hast removed from our number many of our Companions during the past year, Thou hast retained us in life amid all the plenty and beauty of this world, and for this blessing we would humbly supplicate Thy throne of grace.

“But, O Lord, as this service reminds us of our departed Companions whom Thou has taken to Thyself during these past months, Companions who shared our joys and sorrows, who lived, and moved, and had their being among us, we bow to humbly thank Thee for these noble men, and for the privilege we have enjoyed of living with them. We thank Thee for their lives and their loving influence among us. O Lord, may we who remain enjoy the legacy of the precious memories of these who have gone into Thy presence before us. May the portraits of these absent ones continue to hang in the gallery of our brains until we meet them in that city whose Builder and Maker is God.

“We would commend to Thy kind care and keeping their bereaved loved ones. Thou Great Physician, who hast the balm of Gilead to heal all the hurts the human family knows, do Thou, in Thy loving favor, touch and bless these bereaved families, so that they may sincerely love Thee, and trust Thee for all future events.

“As our departed Companions have entered the Inner Veil, and will go no more out forever, may this service teach us that we still must continue our earthly course amid trials and temptations; and as we sojourn towards the evening red of our life's day, help us to depend on Thee for grace and strength to love and serve Thee to the end.

“May we in peace, love and unity, use our heads, hands and hearts for the good of our beloved Chapter, and for the betterment of the entire world. We beseech Thee, O Lord, to hear our prayer at this time, and grant us Thy salvation. Manifest Thyself unto each Companion present, and to those who are absent from our meeting; magnify Thyself in our hearts and in our lives, and when our time shall come to enter the Inner Veil, may we do it with joy unspeakable. Grant, O Father, that we may hear Thy welcome saying unto us, ‘Well done, good and faithful servants, enter thou

into the joy of Thy Lord,' and in that land of light and eternal life, we will give Thee all the praise for our salvation, through Jesus Christ. Amen."

He shows the present membership to be eleven hundred and forty-four (1144), a gain of three during the year.

He visited all the Chapters (four) of his Jurisdiction, and found them all active and the work well done.

He made but one decision, in which he declared null and void the entire proceedings of a Chapter which was opened one-half hour before the time named in the By-laws. The Committee on Grand High Priest's address unanimously approved his decision; a deserved censure of the High Priest; the question being, which was superior, the By-laws made by the Chapter and approved by the Grand Chapter, or the action of the High Priest. The High Priest can now answer the question.

He made a number of recommendations, all of which were approved by the Committee on Grand High Priest's address. His closing is rather pleasing—we give it:

"The year now closing has indeed been most delightful. Pleasures have fallen to my lot in my official capacity that will linger as long as memory lasts. As I return this gavel I do so with the feeling that whatever I may have accomplished has been largely due to the loyalty and encouragement of my associates. I hardly know how to express my appreciation of the service rendered me by our Grand Secretary, whose real value cannot be understood except by those who have occupied the office of Grand High Priest. With my heart full of gratitude towards each of you, I retire, feeling that I have done the best that I knew—the best that I could.

“ ‘A sacred burden in life we bear,
Look on it, lift it, bear it solemnly.
Stand up and walk beneath it steadfastly,
Fail not for sorrow, falter not for sin,
But onward, upward, till the goal we win.’ ”

Several of the Standing Committees reported that nothing had been presented for their consideration. Happy condition.

An address was delivered by M. E. Companion HENRY S. HAINES, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Lecturer of New Jersey. In speaking of the fraternal consideration and esteem which has characterized the Masonic intercourse between Delaware and New Jersey, he uses the following language:

“The personal gratification of such interchange of courtesies is enhanced by the opportunity thus afforded to give emphasis to our favorite doctrine that Masonic fellowship is not confined to time or place, and that a true Mason will find in every Masonic community a welcome and a home. Perhaps beyond and above all this, such visits should be prized because they tend so strongly to encourage a good disposition among those who are united in a righteous cause, and should, if properly directed, stimulate them to a more diligent performance of a common duty.”

Every endeavor should be made to strengthen the fraternal intercourse which exists among Grand Chapters.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is again prepared by M. E. Companion VIRGINIUS V. HARRISON. This is his twenty-first annual report. It is carefully prepared. After an experience of twenty-one years, he says: “I do not find the task any easier.” We are accorded a two-page review. He cannot understand why Pennsylvania refuses to con-

fer degrees by courtesy. We regard it as a violation of the Constitution.

An engraving of M. E. Companion WALTER W. BACON, retiring Grand High Priest, adorns the first page.

M. E. Companion ALEXANDER J. TAYLOR was elected and installed Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion JAMES E. PRICE was re-elected Grand Secretary. He was not installed. We require that elective officers shall be installed yearly.

W. B. M.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia held two Special Convocations during the year: The first on August 9, 1913, called for the purpose of attending the funeral of R. E. Companion CHARLES WEBSTER HANCOCK, Past Grand King and former Grand Secretary; the second on December 29, 1913, for the purpose of attending the funeral of M. E. Companion BURTON RAYNOR ROSS, Past Grand High Priest. Both meetings were presided over by M. E. Companion ADOLPHUS GUDE, Grand High Priest.

The Forty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter was held in Masonic Temple, at seven o'clock P. M., February 11, 1914. All Grand Officers (except Grand Chaplain), sixteen Past Grand High

Priests and Representatives of twelve Chapters were present.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*, by M. E. Companion ADOLPHUS GUDE, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion GEORGE E. CORSON, Deputy Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, was received and cordially welcomed by the Grand High Priest, as the Representative of the General Grand High Priest.

The M. W. Brother T. JOHN NEWTON, Grand Master of Masons in the District of Columbia, was also welcomed by the Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest presented his address. We give the Companions the benefit of his introduction:

“I bid you a hearty welcome to this, the Forty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter. Through the gracious favor of the Great I Am we are permitted to assemble once more to exchange fraternal greetings, review the events of the past year, and plan for the future prosperity of the Royal Craft. These annual meetings with my Companions become dearer and dearer to me as the years go by, and form many of the bright spots with which my life has been blessed.

“We meet, however, not only for a few hours of social enjoyment, but for the higher purpose of stimulating, helping and encouraging each other, and the spirit of fraternal brotherhood will now, as it ever has and ever will, actuate us in our labors.”

Three Dispensations were granted to a Chapter to waive the constitutional period of residence and to receive petitions for the Capitular Degrees from three Brethren, enlisted men in the United States Navy. The Dispensations were approved by the

Committee on Jurisprudence. A question on residence—would not their residence at time of enlistment still be their legal residence? If so, would not that Jurisdiction have control over them?

A Dispensation was granted by the Deputy Grand High Priest, in the absence of the Grand High Priest, to LaFayette Chapter No. 5, to permit the officers of Mount Vernon Chapter No. 14, of Alexandria, Virginia, to confer the Degree of Past Master in and for LaFayette Chapter. Would inquire if the work of the two Jurisdictions is uniform in every respect; if not, may it not lead to confusion, as we understand it? There are no two Jurisdictions in this country of ours in which the work is identically the same. Why not preserve the work of each Jurisdiction in its purity by prohibiting the conferring of any of the Degrees by Chapters outside of it?

In speaking of the "Condition of the Order" (Fraternity, with us), he says: "It has been a lean year." He, however, does not seem to be much discouraged over it, and rightly so. We all have fat and lean years; the tide will turn and then you will be happy.

He gives the present membership at thirty-six hundred and four (3604), a net gain of thirty-seven. Chapter No. 1 made a net gain of fifty-eight.

Annual Grand Visitations were made to the twelve Constituent Chapters, in the month of January, 1914; he also made six Visitations during the year, which

were of more than ordinary importance; one being an organ recital, in the other five, at least one of the Degrees were conferred; in several instances a banquet was served, one being a chicken dinner.

He was regular in attendance upon the meetings of the High Priests' Association. Have heretofore referred to this organization; it cannot be too highly commended. It is well planned and works automatically, and if there is not absolute uniformity in the work it is the fault of the individual member.

The following is from the conclusion of his address:

"My work is now ready for your inspection. Recognizing that 'man in his best estate is subject to frailty and error,' and being deeply sensible of my many shortcomings, I ask your kind indulgence if my administration of this office has not fulfilled your expectations. As I close my official career and return to you the trust committed to me I cannot forbear giving expression to the gratitude which fills my heart as I recall the many courtesies and acts of kindness bestowed upon me.

"To every officer of the Grand Chapter, and to the High Priests' Association, I am greatly indebted. More especially should I thank R. E. Companion Arvine W. Johnston, our very worthy and efficient Grand Secretary, whose capability and knowledge of the customs and usages of the Craft is so well understood, and who has always been willing to impart information which has very materially helped me in my work. The Grand Chapter is to be congratulated upon having this good Companion as Grand Secretary. The friendships I have formed in our sacred tabernacle I shall ever cherish as among the dearest of my earthly possessions. As we turn to the business of this Convocation, may brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us."

A petition for a new Chapter, to be known as Mount Pleasant Chapter No. 13, was presented; it had fifty-eight signers. A Warrant was granted.

The receipts during the year, as paid to the Grand Secretary, were thirty-eight hundred twenty-eight and 54/100 dollars (\$3828.54). The report of the Trustees shows the invested assets of the Grand Chapter to be fifty-three hundred and fifty dollars (\$5350).

The report of the Grand Visitor and Lecturer shows that Chapters are in good condition; the attendance about the same as during the preceding year, and that the work is conferred in strict compliance with the Ritual, and in a very impressive manner. He visited one Chapter six times, eight Chapters seven times each, and three Chapters eight times each. A busy man, certainly an efficient officer, devoted to both the work and teachings of Capitular Masonry.

Reports were made by Special Committee on the death of two of their distinguished members, R. E. Companion CHARLES WEBSTER HANCOCK and Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion BURTON RAYNOR ROSS.

An engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest adorns the first page of the proceedings.

Companion ROE FULKERSON again presented the report of the Committee on Correspondence. As usual, it is bright and readable. He again finds fault with my spelling, thus, CORSON spelled CARSEN. Pride myself on my spelling, but penmanship appears to be

what counts. Will have to get after the typewriter and printer. Possibly it was the idea that you were a Past High Priest that made me use the term; as you are not, it is a settled fact that you ought to be, and the sooner your Grand Chapter confers that honor upon you, the better it will be for Capitular Masonry.

We will give to Capitular Masons his conclusion:

“There! We have jumped every banner—have jumped the horse over every gate—have turned the required number of somersaults and have dived through every paper hoop held up before us! The ring-master has cracked his whip—the clown has done his best in pantomime and jest, and we are due to kiss our hands to you and trot out of the ring!

“We hope you liked our act. The Master of the show was kind to us this year and declares that our act has increased the audience—that we have added to the attendance of the Capitular show. We thank him and thank those who have watched the act through. If we have held your attention we are satisfied!

“Get up, Pegasus! Our act is over and we are due for the dressing-room!”

M. E. Companion WALTER B. PETTUS was elected and installed Grand High Priest. Companion ARVINE W. JOHNSTON was re-elected Grand Secretary; he was not installed, his previous installation apparently holding good.

W. B. M.

ENGLAND.

We have received the proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England for the Quarterly Convocations, held November 5, 1913, and February 4, May 6, and August 5, 1914.

M. E. Companion Rt. Hon. LORD AMPHILL, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., Pro. Grand Z., presided over the Convocations of November 5, 1913, and May 6, 1914, and M. E. Companion Rt. Hon. THOMAS FREDERICK HALSEY, M. A. Grand H., as Grand Z., presided over the Convocations of February 4, and August 5, 1914. A large number of officers, the Principals and Past Principals of many Subordinate Chapters were present at each Convocation.

The Grand Chapter is virtually in control of the Committee of General Purposes; the report is generally presented by the President of the Committee; it always goes, being unanimously approved. Here, we would have a cry against bossism.

At the Convocation of November 5, 1913, a petition was received for a Chapter to be attached to the Royal Colonial Institute Lodge No. 3556, London. The Second and Third Principals were not either Present or Past Principals; the Committee of General Purposes compelled them to amend their petition, so as to conform to the requirement that the officers named for the principal chairs shall be qualified by previous service in the respective offices. Certainly a wise regulation; with us the three principal officers of a new Chapter must be familiar with the work of their respective offices.

An appeal was presented from the Decision of the Grand Superintendent of the District Grand Chapter of Bombay, where some Companions had printed

and circulated among the members a list of Companions whom they claimed should be elected; others dissented, claiming they should be among the eligibles and that they were boycotted, hence the decision that the means resorted to were lawful. The appeal was dismissed by the Grand Chapter. With us it would be termed a little shrewd electioneering.

At the Convocation of February 4, 1914, nothing of importance was offered.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes was adopted. They also reported that the authority to change the name of a Chapter was vested in the First Grand Principal. It seems to the writer that such power should be vested in the Grand Chapter.

At the Convocation of May 6, 1914, the officers of the Grand Chapter for the ensuing Masonic year were declared and appointed. H. R. H., the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEARN, K. G., etc., was again named as Grand Z., with Rt. Hon. LORD AMPHILL, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., as Pro. Grand Z.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes was approved without dissent.

The appointment and election of the Committee of General Purposes was held and E. Companion RICHARD HORTON HORTON-SMITH was re-elected President of the Committee.

With this Convocation we have a statement of the receipts and expenditures; during the year the

receipts were £2677-10-0 which, with the balance from the preceding year amounted to £4080-12-10. The expenditures were £3240-11-1, leaving a balance of £840-1-9.

At the Convocation of August 5, 1914, M. E. Companion Rt. Hon. THOMAS FREDERICK HALSEY, Acting First Grand Principal, spoke as follows:

“Before I proceed with the other business, I think it would not be out of place if I were to call attention to the unprecedented circumstances under which we meet today. While, of course, it is not part of my duty to enter into any matters of a political nature, at the same time I think the emptiness of these benches will bring home to us the fact that most of our friends are far away, and that many who would, under other circumstances, have probably been present at this meeting, are now responding to the call of their country, while many of us elder ones who are unable to take their place are filled with anxiety for our dear ones. I need hardly point out that the Pro First Grand Principal himself is not amongst us for that reason. I only mention this because I cannot help feeling that it would be in accordance with our feelings to formally discharge our business here, and put aside all business that might give rise to any controversy or discussion until an occasion when we may, under happier circumstances, and with our full numbers undertake it. I would, therefore, venture to suggest—I have no power to order—but I venture to suggest that those Companions who have notices of motion on the paper today, as to which I am given to understand there may be some little differences of opinion, should let them stand over. It is for them to consider this when we come to them.”

The conditions in Europe are indeed deplorable, the most causeless war in which civilized nations have ever been engaged. Family fights are always the worst.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes was presented by the President, which was adopted.

No other business of importance was transacted, and Grand Chapter closed in *Ancient and Solemn Form*.

During the year seventeen petitions for new Chapters were presented. The Committee of General Purposes recommended that the petitions be granted, and Grand Chapter approved the report of the Committee. A large number of Chapters were granted leave to change their places of meeting.

The Grand Chapter is certainly in a flourishing condition.

W. B. M.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, held Quarterly Communications during the year, as follows: September 2, and December 2, 1913; March 3, and June 2, 1914.

At the Quarterly Communication of September 2, 1913, R. W. R. LOVELAND-LOVELAND, K. C., Deputy Grand Master, presided, with a large attendance of officers and members.

Grand Lodge was opened in *Ample Form*.

The Deputy Grand Master announced the continued illness of the Pro. Grand Master, His Royal Highness, the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEARN, expressing the hope of his recovery and presence at the next Quarterly Communication. Reference was also made to the illness of the Grand Secretary.

The report of the General Board was presented; having been printed was taken as read, and on motion was received and entered on the Minutes. It shows what has been done by the General Board during the Quarter, and events of interest which have occurred during that period; and that the reconciliation of the differences between the District Grand Lodges and the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand has not been completed.

The Quarterly Communication of December 2, 1913, was presided over by R. W. R. LOVELAND-LOVELAND, K. C., Deputy Grand Master. Announcement was made of the improvement in the health of the Pro. Grand Master, and the serious illness of the Grand Secretary.

His Royal Highness, the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEARN, was again nominated as Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brother JOHN FREDERICK CLEEVES as Grand Treasurer.

A new section was added to the book of Constitution, as follows:

“In districts where sufficient cause shall be shown that the term of seven days before or after is not sufficient to meet the exigencies of the case, the District Grand Master may grant a Dispensation for the holding of such meetings or either of them upon a day not exceeding fourteen days before or after the day fixed by the By-laws. In every case of such Dispensation being granted, a report shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary forthwith.”

The Quarterly Communication of March 3, 1914, was presided over by M. W. Brother Rt. H., the EARL OF STRADBROKE, Provincial Grand Master.

The death of R. W. Brother CHARLES FITZGERALD MATIER, P. G. W., Grand Secretary, was announced.

His Royal Highness, the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEARN, was elected and proclaimed as Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brother JOHN FREDERICK CLEEVES was elected Grand Treasurer.

The Quarterly Communication of June 3, 1914, was presided over by M. W. EARL OF STRADBROKE, Provincial Grand Master.

The report of the General Board was received and entered on the Minutes. This report embodies much that is of interest to the Brethren, notably the action in reference to Mark Masonry in New Zealand, the Annuity Fund, Educational Fund and Benevolent Fund, each of which is of interest. The Benevolent Fund contributes large amounts to deserving Brothers and Mark Masons' widows.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master was installed. His appointments of Hon. GEORGE EDWARD JOHN, EARL OF STRADBROKE, as Provincial Grand Master, and R. W. Brother RICHARD LOVELAND-LOVELAND, K. C., as Deputy Grand Master, were announced and proclaimed. Then followed a long list of appointments.

The General Board was elected.

In the system of Mark Masonry in England and Wales, Royalty virtually controls matters, at least

so far as pertains to the prominent stations. But they seem to be managing the affairs of Grand Lodge to the satisfaction of the Brethren, and carrying out the great and important lesson taught in the Mark Degree.

W. B. M.

FLORIDA.

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida assembled in its Sixty-eighth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, Jacksonville, at ten o'clock A. M., Tuesday, May 19, A. D. 1914, A. I. 2444.

M. E. Companion HARRY N. SWEETING, M. E. Grand High Priest, presented the annual address. He says the year has been prosperous, and further says: "The Grim Reaper has not invaded our immediate circle and all of our Grand and Past Grand Officers are with us, for which we extend thanks to Him who rules over all. He makes mention in his report of the death of our beloved M. E. Companion SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, M. E. Grand Scribe.

One new Chapter was constituted, one had its Charter restored and two new ones granted Dispensations to work U. D., which practice is unknown in Pennsylvania. He reports a Dispensation granted to a Chapter to hold a public installation. Is this an innovation?

For visiting purposes the Chapters in the State are assigned to the several elective Grand Officers. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, as well as the Deputy, visited all Chapters assigned to them and made a favorable report.

In closing his report he acknowledges the obligations he is under to his efficient Grand Secretary.

We note that our Grand Representative, near the Grand Chapter of Florida, M. E. Companion LOUIS C. MASSEY, Past Grand High Priest, was present and served as a member of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

This Grand Chapter does not seem to review the proceedings of other Grand Chapters, since there is no report on Correspondence.

JOHN M. CALDWELL, M. E. Grand High Priest.

WILBER P. WEBSTER, M. E. Grand Secretary.

A. G. C. S.

GEORGIA.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Masters of the State of Georgia met in the Ninety-second Annual Convocation, in the Convention Hall of Hotel Dempsey in the city of Macon, at ten o'clock A. M., Wednesday, April 29, A. D. 1914, A. I. 2444, and was opened in *Ample Form*, and with Prayer by the Rev. W. A. SIMMONS, Grand Chaplain.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion JOE P. BOWDOIN, gave his annual address which contained a full account of his doings for the year.

In his report on Necrology we find these beautiful opening words:

“With the Companions of our sister Jurisdictions we bow our heads in sorrow and offer our sympathy to all who have suffered the loss of their leaders in our Mystic Craft.

“At the same time we rejoice to know that our Companions from whose hands the working tools have fallen, were Craftsmen who had wrought well and were worthy of their wages and are now happy in the fulfillment of the promise to all who have been given a white stone in which is written a new name.”

And a fitting announcement of the death of our own Companion SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, Most Excellent Grand Scribe, closing with “his advice and counsel will be sorely missed in our sister Jurisdiction.”

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest granted seventy Dispensations, mostly relating to reading of petitions and balloting on candidates. It impresses one as hurrying advancement a little.

He made seven Decisions, all of which show the exercise of great care.

He reports twenty-three Visits having been made, and says:

“I have been most cordially received by the Companions in all the Chapters that I have had the opportunity to visit and the visitations made and the honors given me as your presiding officer will ever remain a delightful recollection.”

Two Chapters were constituted, one resuscitated, two moved and three new Chapters instituted. These facts indicate that Capitular Masonry is active in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Because of the liberal appropriations made to the Masonic Home the year before, the working balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer became so small that the Most Excellent Grand High Priest was obliged to recommend that no appropriation be made to the Home for 1914. The Finance Committee made the recommendation a part of their report, and it was adopted by the Grand Chapter. The Grand High Priest, however, is in full sympathy with the work of the Home, and speaks thus in his report: "It is a noble, a glorious institution. . . . Charity of this kind is the noblest work that can be undertaken."

The Grand Lecturer, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer come in for words of praise, which we are sure they fully deserve. The Grand Lecturer, Companion E. A. McHAN, has done most efficient work in the Subordinate Chapters throughout the Jurisdiction.

CORRESPONDENCE.

It is with real pleasure that I find the proceedings of Georgia assigned to me for review, because it gives me the opportunity of greeting Companion CHARLES L. BASS, a newcomer who will extend his sympathy to me, still newer, and I have the further opportunity

of thanking him for his very complimentary reference to, and quotations from, my annual address for 1912. I assure him of my appreciation. He starts out by saying: "This is another Grand Jurisdiction we approach with reverence and respect." That is right, my Brother. Age is always entitled to reverence and respect. We really do not expect you, my dear Companion, to "accept her perfect manhood and physical qualification ideas," but we hasten to assure you that we permit the petitioner to *trim his finger nails*. The review is an interesting one, and nothing of importance has escaped the eye of the reviewer.

In his review of Colorado, 1913, he extracts from their report the following under North Carolina, which we deem worthy of repetition:

"His decision that after passing candidates in sets of three through a living arch, any number could then be carried through the rest of the degree as a class, whilst approved by the Grand Chapter, we do not think will meet with general approval. It is entirely opposed to our view of the subject; perhaps we should be saying too much to say that it was infringing a landmark, but where is this class-work going to end? It is not impressive and we are sorry to see it gaining ground in every branch of Masonry; it is injuring the Fraternity by making too light of our forms and ceremonies, resulting in less reverence for the teachings of the Craft, making the work only a secondary instead of primary object; but we are living in a fast age; we do not finish our work as we did in olden times. A little veneer goes a long way with the present generation, and I might say that the system is simply making us a lot of veneered Masons."

M. E. Companion JOE P. BOWDOIN closes his address with such beautiful thoughts that we take pleasure in quoting as follows:

“There are many things undone that I wish could have been accomplished. These I leave to more able hands.

“I have been deeply impressed with the great opportunity that Masonry has to do good, not by publicity, not by force, but by a living example that all good Masons should set. Great indeed, could be the influence of our Royal Craft if we would but get about it. Masonry has been a missionary in many of the moral movements in our State. She has taken in the past advanced positions on many questions for the good of mankind, the purity and wholesomeness of our people, yet there is much to be done.

“The Grand Chapter could be likened to a great electric power station where is generated the subtle influence going out through the Representatives, who are here assembled, to the Chapters in every section like so many wires carrying to the individual membership the inspiration to do good, to do better, to renew our vows and live them. Each Companion carrying to his home this lesson and each one touching some one else until a chain will be united whereby the influence of the good work here begun will be felt until conditions that now exist will be things of the past.

“When Masons live Masonry, then our Institution will become so popular that every night will see good men crowding to our doors for admission. When Masons live true to each other and to our God; when we give to woman the protection we vouchsafe to her; when we do unto our neighbor as we would that he should do unto us; when we have made all the world to see and know what true Masonry is; then we will have done that which we should and that which we rightly owe to our Fraternity; then will we see come that universal peace so much talked of and so much desired; then will we witness vice crowded out of existence by virtue and every man his brother's keeper.

“May we be so guided by our Great Light, may we be so inspired to do the right that each will vie with the other in doing it. May we individually today resolve to bring to pass that which we teach and may the High Priest of Heaven and earth give to us the grace to forgive and the faith to do that which in His sight is right.

“In laying aside this emblem I shall do what I can to advance the cause of our Royal Craft as a laborer in the vineyard and in the quarry I will do my best to perfect my work. I will try to so live that you will not be ashamed of your action in once placing me in this high and exalted position. I am indeed grateful to each and every one of you, and when the Master calls to give to each of us that which is our due, may we receive a white stone and in it a new name written. May we be ready and waiting to say: ‘Here am I,’ when ‘I Am That I Am’ appears and beckons us to the other shore.

“May each of us have the signet that will admit us to the Inner Veil, and may we see there perfected the imperfections of our mortality. May

we so live that we shall possess the necessary Shibboleth that will admit us into that Grand Council above where the Supreme Ruler of the universe forever reigns, forever presides. When this mortal puts on immortality and when we can again clasp the hand of the Companions gone on before and who have reached that perfection for which we strive, who have in deed and in truth passed the Grand Overseer's Square.

“Then will we see this temple completed, our work finished and accepted, we will be given life eternal, happiness, joy, and be permitted to sing praises to His holy name forever and forever.”

FRANK O. MILLER, Fort Valley, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

W. A. WOLIHIN, Macon, Most Excellent Grand Secretary.

A. G. C. S.

IDAHO.

The Sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Idaho convened in the Masonic Temple, city of Lewiston, on Monday, the fifteenth day of June, A. D. 1914, at ten o'clock A. M.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion JOHN R. NEVERS, presented his annual report, which is a concise statement of his doings for the year.

Under Necrology he records the death of M. E. Companion JAMES A. PINNEY, the first Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Idaho. Appropriate record is made of the death of our M. E. Companion SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, Grand Scribe. He is mentioned

as *Past* Grand Scribe. We have no such title in this Grand Jurisdiction.

He reports two new Chapters constituted, one under Dispensation and another under consideration.

He concludes in the following language:

“The year during which this Grand Chapter has been under my supervision is fast drawing to a close and, while the duties devolving upon the Grand High Priest are many and sometimes arduous, still I feel that I have tried to do my best to fulfill my obligations to you when you so highly honored me a year ago by electing me to this exalted position.

“My work is now ready for your inspection, and I ask your indulgence to overlook the errors that have occurred through no lack of zeal and industry on my part, as it has been my great desire to be always seeking that which is for the best interests of Capitular Masonry.

“I desire to thank the Companions for this honor bestowed, and especially do I wish to show my deep appreciation to Deputy Grand High Priest Henry Leimberger and our Grand Secretary Lewis W. Ensign for their unceasing willingness to impart their knowledge of the customs and usages of the Craft which they so well understand. This Grand Chapter is to be congratulated upon having such splendid Companions as officers.

“I shall ever cherish the friendships I have made among the Companions of this Grand Body, as part of the dearest of my earthly possessions.

“And now that I yield up the gavel to my successor, I do so with the heartfelt wish for the prosperity of this noble institution.”

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of \$1,025.39 on hand.

The Finance Committee presented the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and by them approved and then unanimously adopted by Grand Chapter.

“*To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Idaho:*

“*Be it Resolved*, That Section 49, page 22, line 7 of the Grand Chapter By-laws be amended by inserting the words ‘one dollar’ in place of the words ‘seventy-five cents,’ so that the section, as amended, will read:

“ ‘Sec. 49. Each chartered Chapter shall pay annually, as dues, the sum of \$1.00 (one dollar) for each Companion who is a member thereof at the time of making the annual report and the sum of three dollars for each Companion exalted during the year.’ ”

The Grand Secretary's annual report is complete in every detail. He says: “I am glad to report that all the Chapters in this Jurisdiction have made proper returns.” This is fine, and our wish is that it may be your annual experience.

We regret to notice the following from the Committee on Chartered Chapters:

“To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Idaho:

“The Committee on Chartered Chapters beg leave to submit a supplemental report.

“The Representative of Idaho Chapter No. 1 reports that it will be necessary, at some time in the near future, to surrender the charter of said Chapter for the reason that quite a number of its members are very old, that no candidates have been exalted during the past year and they will be unable to support such Chapter, and requests authority be given the Grand High Priest to arrange the matter for the best interests of said Chapter, with full power to act in the premises. Your Committee recommend that this request be granted.”

M. E. Companion JOTHAM A. LIPPINCOTT, accompanied by the other Past Grand High Priests present, approached the East and presented a Past Grand High Priest's Jewel to M. E. Companion JOHN R. NEVERS, the retiring Grand High Priest, in words of commendation that we take pleasure in repeating them here as well as the response of appreciation given by M. E. Companion NEVERS:

“One year ago, almost to the day, you were chosen from the ranks of your Companions to occupy the position of Overseer of the Craft. Your faithful work in the Quarries had been such as to earn for you the confidence and esteem of all your fellow Craftsmen, and in token of their appreciation.

you were placed in the most exalted position within the gift of your Companions, Royal Arch Masons of the Jurisdiction of Idaho. As Most Excellent Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter you have served your term, and at this Convocation have submitted to your Companions a report of your labors, and once again have your fellow Craftsmen passed judgment on your work.

“Companion Nevers, in behalf and by the authority of your Companions, members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Jurisdiction of Idaho, I am pleased to report that your labors have not been in vain, that your work during the past year meets the hearty approbation of the Craftsmen, and to repeat that which was said to you in years gone by: ‘You now stand before your Companions an upright man and Mason.’ In token of appreciation, I now present to you and place upon your breast the Jewel of Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Jurisdiction.

“May your Masonic labors of the future be as brilliant as the gems of the breast plate it contains, and your life as pure as the flash from the gem of its keystone.”

In accepting the Jewel, Companion NEVERS said:

“Words fail me to express the depths of my appreciation of this splendid emblem. While I feel that the words of our Most Excellent Companion have largely overestimated the value of my services to the Craft, I at this time fully appreciate the obligation that I owe to Companion Lippincott, as he it was who appointed me to an office in this Grand Chapter and started me on the way that has brought me to this exalted position. I shall always cherish this evidence of your esteem as my most beloved possession, and, as I attend future convocations, and I hope they will be many, I shall ever expect to do faithfully all the duties that may be assigned to me. In wearing this beautiful jewel I shall ever be proud of my connection with this Grand Chapter and the small part I have had in making its early history.”

The review of proceedings of other Grand Chapters is written by R. E. Companion LEWIS W. ENSIGN, Grand Secretary. He gives a concise review of each report and nothing of importance seems to escape him.

We take the following from the review of Delaware:

“DECISIONS.

“On the evening of my visit to Hope Chapter No. 7, I was asked to render a decision as to the right of said Chapter conferring the first three degrees, M. M., P. M. and M. E. M., in the lodge rooms in the several towns within the jurisdiction of Hope Chapter, allowing the Chapter team to go to Seaford, Laurel, Delmar, Lewes or any other town within the territorial jurisdiction of Hope Chapter, where there is a Blue Lodge, and confer the first three degrees in Capitular Masonry, afterwards having the teams come to Georgetown for the R. A. degree.

“I decided that as Hope Chapter’s charter called for the meeting place in Georgetown, and as I did not have the power to grant permission to a Chapter to confer the appendant degrees in any other place than the one designated in the charter, it could not confer the degrees in question other than in Georgetown.”

We were surprised at the request, and commend Grand High Priest SAMUEL H. BENSON for his decision.

The following is given from the review of New Jersey:

“A Mark Master Mason having selected his mark and the same having been duly recorded in the Lodge Book of Marks, it becomes an integral part of the records of the Chapter advancing him and it cannot be withdrawn from such records when he demits from said Chapter. If the member thus dimitting desires to affiliate with another Chapter he cannot be required to again record his mark in the Chapter with which he affiliates.”

We presume that our Companions of New Jersey would furnish a demitting Companion with a copy of his mark should he be applying for membership in another Jurisdiction.

The following paragraphs from the conclusion of Companion L. W. ENSIGN give a good summary of the questions now engaging the minds of Capitular Masons:

“Inspection of the work is a much discussed question. Many changes in systems are being tried out. In some Jurisdictions each of the members of the Grand Council is assigned to make official visitations in certain districts; in some, large numbers of special inspectors are appointed, while in others the Grand Lecturer still attempts to do all the work. Keen interest has been shown in the physical perfection question. Some Jurisdictions require that a candidate must be physically qualified to literally comply with all the details of the work. In others, physical is considered of less importance than moral perfection and the absence of a hand or foot has not debarred worthy Master Masons from the R. A. Degree. Correspondents have found material for lengthy remarks on the question of balloting on petitions in less than statutory time, and the practice is generally condemned. Several Grand Chapters now require that a petition for the Council Degrees shall accompany a petition for the Chapter. Some other Chapters require that elected High Priests shall be annointed to the Holy Order of High Priesthood before installation.

“These are some of the questions now being discussed by learned correspondents throughout the world of Royal Arch Masonry. The discussions are all of interest. We wish we could give you more of them. We have attempted to clip the most important items and trust that you will approve the result.”

HENRY LEIMBERGER, M. E. Grand High Priest,
Boise.

LEWIS W. ENSIGN, R. E. Grand Secretary, Boise.

A. G. C. S.

ILLINOIS.

The Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois convened in the main dining-room of the LaSalle Hotel, city of Chicago, on Thursday, the twenty-ninth day of October, A. D. 1914, A. I. 2444, at ten o'clock A. M.

After some preliminary business the M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion LOUIS L. EMMERSON deliv-

ered his annual address, from the opening of which we use the following:

“Our State is still growing; our resources are still developing; in this growth and development Freemasonry must have a part, and will continue to be, as I firmly believe, one of the great moral influences that shall lift our people to higher standards of intellectual life and intelligent citizenship.

“These thoughts, to me, are emphasized by the war cloud that hovers over the greater part of the world. We may never attain to that sublime conception, the universal brotherhood; we may never see the perfect fulfillment of the angelic greeting of peace on earth and good will to man, but we know that our work lies wholly upon these lines and that, feeble though it may sometimes appear, it is yet one of the great and potent influences that is tending to bring men and nations closer together.

“The sixty-five years that have elapsed since our birth as a Grand Chapter, while not momentous in the usual acceptance of that term, are yet full of stirring interest. It is a record of progress; of general advancement; and, best of all, perhaps, a record of fraternal endeavor and true Masonic charity. Our action of a year ago, when we gave generously from our funds to aid the cause of our aged, infirm and indigent brethren, is but one of the many acts of kindness that illumine the record of those departed years and which shed an imperishable glory over our past. We may well indulge in a little pardonable pride when we survey what we have accomplished during the brief span of our organized existence, while the work already performed should serve as a stimulus to urge us on to greater and more exalted achievements.”

Under authority of the preceding Convocation of the Grand Chapter he established “District Schools”, under the supervision of five Grand Lecturers. In speaking of this work he says:

“It shows very plainly the great interest that is being taken throughout Illinois in the Chapter Schools of Instruction. One of the splendid results at two of the schools, Danville and Springfield, was the conference of Grand Secretary Warvelle with the Secretaries of Subordinate Chapters for the exchange of ideas and an effort to standardize methods of bookkeeping and other work connected with the Secretary’s office.”

We are sure this is a move in the right direction to awaken greater interest and conference of Secre-

taries with the Grand Secretary is an important step towards greater efficiency.

Four new Chapters were constituted and one other under Dispensation. Four requests for new Chapters were refused, and his report of his actions is as follows:

“During the year but one petition for a new Chapter has been granted; it being my opinion that Chapters in the smaller towns of the State depending wholly upon one Lodge are not as a rule active or needed. Frequently the Companions in the smaller towns petition for a Chapter without realizing that something more than the Charter membership is necessary for its successful maintenance and growth. It is difficult to sustain a Chapter dependent upon one or two small, inactive Lodges. It is my opinion that better support should be given the small Chapters already in existence rather than the establishment of others in the neighborhood whose puny growth can not but stunt those already covering the territory. For this reason I have been slow to grant Dispensations for new Chapters.”

The question of Ritual seems to disturb Illinois, as it does many of the Grand Chapters, and the Grand High Priest reports as follows:

“In the interest of greater simplicity and uniformity, therefore, I recommend that a committee of five be appointed to make such recommendations as may produce these results to the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.”

It is a pity that the Ritual should need so many changes.

The Grand High Priest deals in an interesting manner with the work done upon the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital, being built on the grounds of the Masonic Home at Sullivan, by the Grand Chapter, and for which it appropriated \$50,000 last year and added \$1,600 more at its Convocation in 1914 to provide some necessary additions. This is certainly a

great and lasting benefit, which the Companions of Illinois have provided.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$21,741.59, and this after making payment of the large appropriation to Grand Lodge for the Memorial Hospital.

The Grand Secretary reports a total membership of 39,260, which is an increase for the year of 1,939, and as the Grand Secretary reports: "Will doubtless serve to keep us in our position of number one in point of Capitular life and activity." Who will dispute it? All honor to Illinois Companions for their noble and glorious work.

Under report of Committee on Obituaries the death of our beloved M. E. Companion SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, Grand Scribe, is appropriately noted.

The Correspondence Report is made by Companion GEORGE W. WARVELLE, Grand Secretary, who signs the report as Committee. The second paragraph of his introduction is significant and indicates a little, that a tired feeling is coming over him. We produce it in full:

"Peace and harmony still prevails in all parts of the country, and, as is usually the case where people go quietly along minding their own business, the reporter finds little to engage his pen. I offer this as an explanation, possibly as an excuse, for my brief notices of many of the Jurisdictions. I could not well have done otherwise without digesting the journals of the sessions, and that you have too often told me you do not desire. Of course, this puts me in bad with some of my brother scribes. But then, I am writing for you and not for them. And so, even at the risk of their displeasure, and I prize their good opinion highly, I shall adhere to my plan and shall not try to say something where there is nothing to say."

About a page is assigned to Pennsylvania. He writes: "I do not find anything very stirring in Pennsylvania this year. Perhaps it is an off-year." No, Companion, when peace and harmony prevail there need not be anything specially stirring. In his last paragraph he has a little pleasantry with the former reviewer of Illinois proceedings. Companion STOCKTON BATES and I rather regret that in the assignment for this year Companion BATES does not have a chance to answer.

Let me suggest quietly that you add the "hesitation step" to your list of dances.

Your Postscript, Companion WARVELLE, is full of interest and the discussion of Rituals is particularly helpful. With New York we might say, don't print and the difficulties will be avoided.

EVERETT R. TURNBULL, M. E. Grand High Priest,
Carlinville.

GEORGE W. WARVELLE, R. E. Grand Secretary,
Chicago.

A. G. C. S.

INDIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana, assembled in its Sixty-ninth Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Indianapolis, at two o'clock P. M., on Wednesday, the twenty-first day of October, A. D. 1914, A. I.

2444, it being the first Wednesday succeeding the third Monday in October, 1914.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion EARL H. PAYNE, in his annual address referred to the strife going on between the nations across the water in the following fitting language, to which we all say Amen.

“The appalling news we receive daily of the great and terrible conflict being waged between the nations beyond the sea stirs our hearts to their utmost depths. Words are inadequate to express our ideas of the distress and misery. It seems to be beyond human control. We can offer to our Brethren in those distressed countries our deepest sympathy, relying wholly upon the Great Architect of the Universe for an era of peace and good will and a deliverance from further sacrifice of human life and the other terrible consequences of a great war. Let us, in our daily devotions, earnestly beseech the Great Giver of all Good for a cessation of hostilities and the speedy relief of those who are suffering because of the horrors of a terrible war.”

Under the heading “The fraternal dead of other Grand Jurisdictions” the death of our beloved Companion SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, M. E. Grand Scribe, is noted.

One new Chapter was constituted and Dispensations were issued for two new Chapters, while one such Dispensation was refused.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest learns from the Grand Inspector, M. E. Companion JOHN J. GLENDENING, who from his report is evidently a valuable official in the Grand Chapter, that two Chapters in the Jurisdiction have lost interest in the work and their cases are referred to Grand Chapter for proper action.

The Grand Chapter is in a healthy financial condition, the Grand Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$9,880.43, with an invested fund of \$8,000.

The Grand Secretary's report is complete in every detail and shows a net increase in membership of 1,085 over the previous year.

The review of the reports of the several Grand Chapters is carefully written by M. E. Companion ROBERT ARCHER WOODS, Past Grand High Priest, and I make my apologies to him for any shortcomings in this brief review I have made of Indiana's report.

This report has been reviewed in the past by our efficient Grand Secretary, M. E. Companion STOCKTON BATES, who has no superior as a reviewer of proceedings. I note with pleasure that your difficulties as to certain practices and meanings of words are all settled, as evidenced in your closing words: "However, in the future, when reading or writing of thee, O Pennsylvania, it will be my pleasure to hold the Standard in my hand, lest I dash myself against another stone."

In reviewing the report of Massachusetts the following is noted on rotation in office:

"Of course rotation in office, as a hard and fast proposition, has its drawbacks, which most of us have at one time or another experienced. But it is negligible, where reasonable care is exercised in the early selection. To me it appears much more acceptable than the plan of benching good men in order to lengthen the terms of office of other men, who as a general rule

are no better. In these days of good and learned Grand Secretaries, a Grand High Priest does not need to be brilliant in order to make a satisfactory administration. So, aside from mere desire, there is no argument for re-election.''

We appreciate the compliments he pays the efficient Grand Secretaries, but cannot get away from the idea that a strong Companion, well versed in Masonic law and usages, and Capitular work in general, should always be chosen to fill the station of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. The Companions of the Jurisdiction will hold him, and him alone, for a wise, safe and careful administration of the affairs of the Grand Chapter.

In the review of Pennsylvania he quotes liberally from the annual address of M. E. Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, Grand High Priest, with favorable comment.

M. E. Companion Wood's conclusion sums up so completely his findings that we give it entire, although some of the findings do not affect Pennsylvania in any way.

“CONCLUSION.

“Another ramble through the Capitular pastures is ended. Though long, it has been fraught with pleasure and satisfaction. It is good to find everywhere peace and prosperity and to learn that the beneficent teachings of the Royal Arch are steadily widening and deepening in their scope and that their influence is productive of larger and finer results among men.

“The living, creative qualities of head and heart rather than the pleasing display of anatomical perfection gain strength in the councils of the Craft; the force of the Texas Plan measurably wanes; the sword of trenchant criticism falls upon the protective breastplate of Dependent Membership with less severity; the abrogation of law by untimely Dispensations

under the guise of licensed prerogative meets with increasing resistance; and altogether the condition of the Craft spells improvement. All honor to those who have borne the burden and heat of the day.

“That it may rise to even greater heights of respect and influence and power should be, and I believe is, our abiding hope.

“This is the conclusion of the whole matter.”

ARTHUR J. SMITH, M. E. Grand High Priest.

CALVIN W. PRATHER, R. E. Grand Secretary.

A. G. C. S.

IOWA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa convened in its Sixty-first Annual Convocation in the hall of Keystone Chapter No. 32, Clinton, Iowa, this eighth day of October, A. D. 1914, at nine-thirty o'clock A. M.

After opening and some formal addresses, the Committee on Credentials reported, when M. E. Grand High Priest EDWARD W. WILLARD presented and read his address. It is a very readable report of forty-two pages, and shows that the Grand High Priest has devoted a full share of his time to the interests of Capitular Masonry in his Grand Jurisdiction.

We quote from his opening remarks:

“To accomplish a desired end, in all good and important undertakings, requires hard, honest and earnest labor. It uses our time, takes of our strength and requires much serious thought, that we may be prepared to properly convey to others the beautiful lessons and tenets of our noble institution.

“God has given each a talent to use. It should be so utilized that the influence for good may bring forth much that is useful and beneficial. Capitular Masonry should not be merely a bridge to cross an intervening space to gain something, beyond the Chapter, one seeks to reach. It should be sought only for the good that we may derive from its teachings and to learn how to cultivate purity of heart and rectitude of conduct. A degree in Masonry is of little value unless it brings forth fruit in action.

“If one studies the Ritual and carefully investigates the hidden meaning of the truths therein revealed, he will be rewarded by the great discovery of the beautiful, the pure and the noble. This will greatly assist to lift him out of the lethargy of indifference and the thoughtless way in which he may have allowed himself to drift, by seeking only after pleasure or self interest and the desire of worldly gain, forgetting for a time at least that there is another side of human life to cultivate.

“There are—

“ ‘Four things a man must learn to do,
If he would make his record true,
To think without confusion clearly,
To love his fellow men sincerely,
To act from honest motives purely,
To trust in God and heaven securely.’ ”

Nine Dispensations were granted and five were refused, those refused very justly so from the reasons offered.

He reports making thirty-seven visits to Subordinate Chapters, and in a great number of the Chapters visited schools of instruction were held by a Grand Custodian or Deputy Custodian, who give instruction to the officers in the Ritual.

He wrote a letter to the Deputy Custodians, very clearly defining their duties and sent a copy of the same to the Grand Custodians.

I quote the following paragraphs from his report on the work committed to the care of the Custodians:

“This fact should be borne in mind. Thorough proficiency in the ritualistic work and conversance with the history and meaning of the lessons intended to be imparted, will cause greater interest to be manifested in the Chapters; new life will be enthused, and the spirit of true friendship, embodied in pure love as taught us in Holy Writ, will be revealed. The curtain of indifference and inactivity will be raised and there will be displayed to the discerning eye all the glories and beauties that are so oft desired, and which can be obtained by honest and earnest labor.

“In these schools actual work on candidates was discouraged, for the reason that more effective results would be obtained by virtue of exemplifying the work only. In a few instances, however, work on candidates was done, but in the schools that I attended, where actual work was done, results were not so satisfactory as otherwise would have been.

“I do not believe that it is the spirit of the rules and regulations to have a Custodian or a Deputy to go into a Chapter for the sole purpose of giving actual work upon candidates. It is more in their province to give instructions and to assist officers and Companions to become more proficient in the Ritual, the floor movements, and teach them how to properly grasp the idea intended to be conveyed to the mind of the candidate that proper impressions may be made.”

Twelve Decisions were made during the year, all of which were carefully considered and decided according to the requirements of the Constitution or Code.

It was certainly a busy year for M. E. Companion WILLARD, and all done at an expense account of only \$273.31.

The following are the concluding paragraphs of his address and are worth reading and meditation:

“This is a busy world. Men are forging ahead on every hand so rapidly that it is difficult to comprehend that it is necessary to pause in the mad rush for worldly goods; that time should be given to recognize the Divine importance of man as an individual. Preparation should be made to the end that the spiritual part of man may be cultivated and seed sown that it may grow and bring forth abundant fruit.

“Our ancient brothers returned from their Babylonish captivity to Jerusalem to assist in the building of the second temple without hope of fee or reward, so as Royal Arch Masons let us return to the work at hand. Labor until we can produce good and true work. Exerting our powers in the cause of love and charity, the upbuilding and maintaining of a true character, so when this life shall put on its immortality the influence of our acts and conduct may go down to posterity as an encouragement for others to so labor that Capitular Masonry may ever continue to be the means of guiding man to his destiny.

“ ‘Prompt us to labor, as Thou hast directed,
On the foundation laid sure in the past;
And may “the stone which the builders rejected,”
Crown our endeavors with glory at last.
Then at the eventide,
Laying the square aside,
May we look calmly on life’s setting sun,
And at the mercy seat,
Where ransomed spirits meet,
Hear from that Master the plaudit, “Well done.” ’ ’ ’

All of the reports made to the Grand Chapter are of an interesting character and show that the interests of the Grand Chapter are committed to the care of well-selected Committees, who perform their duties satisfactorily.

The finances of the Grand Chapter are in a very healthy condition.

An interesting sketch of M. E. Companion EDWARD MAURICE WILLARD, Grand High Priest, is written by M. E. Companion WILLIAM F. CLEVELAND, Past Grand High Priest, and the report on Fraternal Correspondence is also from his “sharpened quills.”

He gives a careful review of the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters that have come to his desk.

That which seems to most attract his attention is the fact that many Grand Chapters are endeavoring to make changes in the work because of a resolution passed in the General Grand Chapter, permitting such action.

Pennsylvania does not experience that trouble. He writes: "Many of the questions that in the past have proved fruitful themes for discussion have been abandoned as dead issues," and his final paragraph reads:

"Efforts are now and then made to inject new life into old issues that have been talked to death in the past, but a continued period of quiet growth and development attracts the attention of the Craft to the exclusion of all disturbing questions. Peace and harmony prevail throughout this country. If we would turn our thoughts towards the faithful discharge of every duty, to ourselves and our neighbors, then we might more fully appreciate these beautiful lines:

" 'Give love, and love through your life shall flow.
A strength in your greatest need;
Have faith, and a score of hearts will show
Their faith in your word and deed;
Give truth, and truth shall return in kind,
And honor will honor meet;
The smile that is sweet is sure to find,
The smile that is just as sweet,
For life is a mirror of king and slave,
It is just what we are and do,
So give to the world the best that you have
And the best will come to you.' "

Personally I am pleased with the change noted, for I have never been convinced that much of discussions of the past has been as beneficial as some would have us believe.

The doings of Pennsylvania were carefully reviewed and, in its appropriate place, the death of our M. E. Companion SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, Grand Scribe, was appropriately noted.

JOHN W. CORY, M. E. Grand High Priest, Spencer, Iowa.

W. F. CLEVELAND, M. E. Grand Secretary, Harlan, Iowa.

A. G. C. S.

KANSAS.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas convened in its Forty-ninth Annual Convocation at Masonic Hall, Topeka, Kansas, on Monday, February 16, A. D. 1914, A. I. 2444, at three o'clock P. M.

M. E. Companion ELRICK C. COLE, Grand High Priest, presented his annual report, which is a concise statement of the work done during the year. He reports letters of Dispensation issued to one Chapter and Charters duly issued to two others. He finds that the system of District Deputies is not efficient and recommends that it be abolished. Pennsylvania finds the system to be an admirable aid to the Grand High Priest and would not think of doing away with it. Grand High Priest COLE's conclusion is worthy of repetition and we give it in full:

“CONCLUSION.

“We are about to close the labors of another year—to add another stone in the edifice of Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. Upon this stone no single Craftsman has been the sole workman, but each and all have taken part in a greater or less degree. It stands with the mark of the whole Craft thereon and is good work so far as each has performed the part of the labor assigned by the Grand Architect.

“Yet in a stronger sense each of us have labored during the past year upon a separate piece of work which is to form a part of the temple of an individual life. Every man is the builder of his own life. Within his hands the Master Builder has placed certain tools and implements with which to carve out that life. As in the temple erected by our ancient brethren different Craftsmen received different tools according to their knowledge and ability, so in the temple of every man’s life he is expected to use only such tools as his environment and ability give to him. The result of his labors when finished bear his mark alone.

“When the sixth hour of the sixth day of the week shall call him from his labor and the implements and tools of the Craft fall from his nerveless fingers, the test of the Grand Overseer’s Square will be applied to the result.

“What may *seem* fair may still be deemed imperfect work, and that piece of work which in our weakness may be accounted poor, may still, in the eye of Him who is the Master Builder, possess latent beauties to us unseen. That which we call defects may to Him speak of an agony of soul-struggle where love, truth and virtue have finally triumphed and unselfish devotion to mankind become the ruling thought of life.

“Let not the thought of the *close* of our labor dominate us, but rather let each Companion give thought and care to the task assigned for the day. So shall each day be fruitful of good results, and whenever the task is finished it will be complete; and in the presence of that Supreme High Priest which is the Mason’s God there will await us that peace which fadeth not away.”

The Grand Treasurer’s report shows a balance on hand in the General Fund of \$4,551.23, in the Charity Fund \$285.78, and an Invested Fund of \$9,600.

The Grand Secretary’s report is very full and complete, giving many facts of interest to the Companions. He reports a net gain of 385, and a total membership of 9,794.

In the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence we find that they have formulated five sets of rules relating to the "Reception of Visitors", recommended that the section of the By-laws of the Grand Chapter, entitled "District Deputies", be repealed, and offered a resolution relative to the custody and care of the Rituals furnished by the Grand Chapter to Subordinate Chapters. These recommendations were all unanimously adopted by Grand Chapter.

The report for the Committee on Correspondence is prepared by M. E. Companion MATTHEW M. MILLER, Chairman. It is a very carefully prepared report and furnishes interesting reading for the student of Capitular Masonry. Pennsylvania for 1912 is reviewed at length and is of special interest to the writer, since he was then the Grand High Priest.

We note with appreciation the kindly reference to the work we have done for those who became dependent.

In Pennsylvania we have no apologies to offer for the absence of applause at Masonic meetings. With us there is no distinction among the Brethren. The humblest visitor who may be able to only say, "I am pleased to be with you," is received just as cordially as the Brother of prominence in the world who may be a polished speaker. I have visited Grand bodies where the applause, more or less vigorous, according to the standing of the visitor speaking, gives one the

impression of being in a convention, political or otherwise, instead of in an orderly and dignified body of Freemasons. When it comes to entering into the New Jerusalem we expect to conform to the practice, whatever it may be, and be thankful that we were admitted.

The Companions of the several Grand Jurisdictions are indebted to you, M. E. Companion MILLER, for the careful reviews you have made. I sympathize with you in the discouraging circumstances under which you made your reviews, for I have been confined to the house since November 30, 1914.

MARION K. BRUNDAGE, M. E. Grand High Priest,
Russell.

ALBERT K. WILSON, R. E. Grand Secretary,
Topeka.

A. G. C. S.

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons, held its Ninety-seventh Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, commencing October 20, 1914, A. I. 2444, and was opened in *Ample Form* on the Royal Arch Degree at eight o'clock P. M.

After the opening of the Grand Chapter, the M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion WM. CARSON BLACK, delivered his annual address, giving an account of his

doings for the year. It shows very clearly that he has ever had an observant eye upon all that pertains to the welfare of Capitular Masonry in his Jurisdiction, and that he has rendered very efficient service to the Grand Chapter.

We quote the first two paragraphs of his address:

“We are mindful of the fact that as we approach within three short links of a century of Masonic life, that with each step of time we are drawn nearer to the Alpine of enlarged power, numerical strength, and with vastly greater possibilities before us. From the day that James Moore occupied the Grand East, as our first Grand High Priest, down to this good year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and fourteen, perhaps we have never assembled in annual Convocation as Grand Officers, Past Grand High Priests, Representatives and Companions under more auspicious or brighter prospects.

“This spirit of progress, planted in our very midst, is as a dove of the morning presages good tidings of peace and plenty, of arch building and adroitness as we count our Chapters 113, and our membership quite ten thousand. While the Grand Architect of the Universe has led us on our way, and holiness to the Lord is on the tongue and in the heart of every true Mason and man, that America, home of the free and land of the brave, is at peace with the entire world, and that no internal strife or turmoil appear upon the horizon to break down our walls of civilization, of governmental supremacy, of educational enlightenment, of sacredness of home ties and family union, and pile them upon the ruins of madness and greed as an altar to selfishness, destruction and despair.”

His decisions are very clearly set forth, but one interested us since it seemed unnecessary that a Grand High Priest should be asked to pass upon it. A Companion being in arrears of dues for three and one-half years and having been requested a number of times to pay, wrote: “It is my wish that you suspend me for non-payment of dues.” The Chapter asked “Is it lawful for a Chapter to comply with such a request?” The decision is too long to quote

in full, but the Grand High Priest says: "If no charges are pending against the Companion, by all means grant his request," and the last paragraph is as follows:

"And, too, such an indifferent Companion can be of neither honor nor advantage to the Craft, but, on the other hand, he could make things unpleasant for the Chapter, and thus be a millstone around the neck of those Companions who stand for harmony, progress and a fraternalized community. Again, when this Companion 'pays dues promptly' in another fraternity, his case cannot be one of charity, but rather a case of downright enmity, without cause, against a fraternity that has made 'crooked things straight unto him,' etc."

In reference to Dispensations he writes the following:

"From experience, observation and conviction, I am strongly in favor of restoring special Dispensation to ballot on petitions for degrees at called meetings of a Chapter when the facts warrant it. I believe I am in a position to know that the new law on Dispensations, as now written in the Constitution, works a handicap on the Craft, and, in my opinion, the sooner it is annulled (the old law as to Dispensations restored) the better it will be for the Jurisdiction, in that a larger membership will be evidenced by the record of local Chapters; enthusiasm, that much-needed lubricant to the machinery, will become keener and Capitular Masonry the gainer. Again, more publicity is given a petition to be balloted on out of time than when same is acted upon at a regular monthly meeting, and therefore scrutiny of the Chapter more closely guarded.

"A survey of several other Grand Chapters showed, to my expectation, that this leverage of life, in so far as a Chapter is concerned, is given prerogative to the Grand High Priest, which thereby upholds my position that the wisdom of the sages are back of us, and necessity of action demands it. I so recommend, and want to call your attention to the fact that 269 Dispensations at, say, \$25 for each petition, were granted three years ago, which was the last year under the old law."

We regret to note the purpose of his recommendation as to Dispensations. True, it is the prerogative of the Grand High Priest in this Jurisdiction to

grant Dispensations, but it is exercised only in cases of emergency, and never with the idea of increasing the membership of the Subordinate Chapters; 259 Dispensations are too many, my Most Excellent Companion, to be granted in one year. If the way is made too easy for candidates, it tends to cheapen the Craft.

We notice from his report that he makes mention of Official Inspections, Visitations, Judicial District Visitations and Social Visitations, quite a variety indeed. The first named he says has not proven satisfactory. He recommends that they be abolished, and the same work be done in the several districts where Chapter Schools of Instruction may be held.

This plan will no doubt be of most benefit to the officers of the several Chapters. We notice, however, that in many instances the Grand Officers, including the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, confer the Degrees. In our humble judgment it would be much better to have officers of the Chapters represented do the work and be corrected by the Grand Officers. In case there are no candidates, as is sometimes the case, the corrections may be made as the work progresses, thus fixing the work on the mind of the officers.

In making his Visitations he travelled a distance of seven thousand miles.

The report of the Grand Treasurer indicates that the finances are carefully managed, showing a bal-

ance of \$9,417.86 in the hands of the Grand Treasurer and an invested fund of \$21,000.

The Grand Secretary's report is complete in every detail, and indicates a net gain of 291 members.

From the report of the Committee on Ritual we observe that "The proper designation of the Mark Master Degree should be 'the More Honorable Degree.'" Our M. E. Companion STOCKTON BATES, Grand Secretary, referred to this in his review of last year. How we are "wedded to our idols."

The report on The Doings of the Grand Chapters is made by M. E. Companion G. ALLISON HOLLAND, Past Grand High Priest. He gives a fraternal review of Pennsylvania proceedings and seems to regret that so many of the ablest writers in the reviews spend so much time writing upon death proceeds to use about half his space for Pennsylvania upon the same subject. I am pleased to note his appreciation of our own M. E. Companion BATES, for he is a reviewer who has few equals.

The following is taken from the review of New York:

"Companion George McGown, Grand Lecturer, submitted his most excellent report, and later, on announcement of his reappointment by the Grand High Priest, he declined such appointment, as he felt that the condition of his health admonished him that he must take a rest.

"It has been a pleasure to know personally Companion McGown for a number of years. He is a rare and radiant student of Capitular Masonry, a man full of years and experience, whose many years have been devoted to a cause in which he had his whole heart.

"The Grand Chapter of New York was then addressed by Companion Frederick E. Barnes, who spoke as follows:

“ ‘We all heard our Grand Lecturer decline. Do you realize what it means for a man holding that position for over thirty years to be obliged to decline further service? We feel deeply the retirement of Companion McGown. I do not think it proper to allow a career such as his to go unnoticed. Therefore, I move that R. E. George McGown be made Grand Lecturer Emeritus of this Grand Chapter.’

“ ‘It is useless to say that the motion of Companion Barnes was unanimously adopted.’ ”

We too have the privilege of knowing Companion McGOWN and bear testimony to his zeal as an ardent Capitular Mason and faithful worker in the Grand Chapter of New York. We are glad to give this further publicity to the appropriate action of his Grand Chapter.

M. E. Companion HOLLAND'S reviews are all very interesting, and many excerpts might be made with profit, but time will not permit.

His conclusion is well written, and we give it in closing:

“ ‘As usual, every volume coming to the desk has been reviewed and the interest has been constantly present.

“ ‘Observance of Royal Arch interest throughout the world leads to the further belief in the splendid realization of its great achievements. Rocked in the cradle of Peace, nurtured in the arms of Righteousness, and living in the grandeur of Truth, it must and does produce such signets of Zerubabel as will prove our utmost and most sacred loyalty. We have seen the Abana and the Parphar as we journeyed on our way; we have passed by Riblah and thought of the cruel fate of Zedekiah; Tadmor and her ashen heaps are but memories of a departed glory; the mountains and forests of Lebanon are far behind us; we have crossed the Jordan and laved our tired selves in its limpid waters; and we have confronted Jerusalem with the sacred Temple leveled in the dust. Behind us are all the recollections of past glories and sorrows, but before us is the eternal morning of God, whose great principle demands our studious thought and most persistent endeavor, in the success of which study and work lies the proving of our own eternity.

“ ‘And when the stream
Which overflowed the soul was passed away,
A consciousness remained that it had left,
Deposited upon the silent shore
Of memory, images and precious thoughts
That shall not die, and cannot be destroyed.’ ”

W. RODES SHACKELFORD, M. E. Grand High Priest,
Richmond.

HOWARD R. FRENCH, R. E. Grand Secretary, Mt.
Sterling.

A. G. C. S.

LOUISIANA.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch
Masons of the State of Louisiana convened at New
Orleans, Tuesday, February 3, 1914, at twelve
o'clock M.

M. E. Companion WILL MOSS, Grand High Priest,
submitted his annual report. He made a number of
Visitations and has this to say concerning this duty:

“I regret that my business connections prevented me from visiting a
greater number of Chapters, as originally anticipated, and I recommend to
my successor that he endeavor to visit as many Chapters as is possible during
his incumbency of office, for it demonstrates to our constituent bodies that
they are in fact, as well as in name, an integral part of the Grand Chapter,
and that we have a higher interest and motive in their welfare than simply
to exact dues and degree fees from them.”

In response to a telegram from M. E. Companion
BERNARD G. WITT, General Grand High Priest, soli-
citing a contribution to aid in relieving the suffering
and want occasioned by the floods, the Grand High

Priest of Louisiana was pleased to reply in part as follows:

“Dear Sir and Most Excellent Companion:—Your telegraphic letter to hand, and in compliance therewith I have this day forwarded to John H. Worsham, Treasurer, New York exchange for \$200 in aid of the flood sufferers. While regretting the necessity for this call, at the same time it is a source of great pleasure to be able to respond to the appeal, which I am convinced is so urgent.”

He reports that “during the same month an appeal was also made in the city for funds for the benefit of a pure milk fund for children,” and further reports that “I have the pleasure of attaching hereto check to the amount of twenty-five dollars as a contribution from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Louisiana, to assist in furthering the good work which you have so thoroughly initiated.” Surely this is a worthy object, but should the funds of the Grand Chapter be diverted to objects, no matter how worthy, outside of Masonic needs?

One Chapter was “organized” under dispensation and requests for five others received, but the “formalities” were not complied with in time for final action.

In his conclusion he pays this tribute to the Grand Secretary:

“This report would be incomplete did I not make special mention of our Venerable and Honored Grand Secretary, ‘Uncle Dick,’ as we all love to call him. It would not matter how much I eulogized him, and all the good and kind words that might be employed are covered by the statement, ‘He is ever ready to dispense true Masonic light and knowledge to his less informed brethren.’ ”

This no doubt pleased “Uncle Dick.”

M. E. General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, BERNARD G. WITT, honored the Grand Chapter by his presence and was received with the honors due his station.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of \$5,082.27 and an invested fund of \$4,000.

The Grand Secretary makes a very clear report, showing a membership of 3,533, with a net gain of 163.

M. E. Companion HERMAN C. DUNCAN, Past Grand High Priest, Chairman, presents the report on Foreign Correspondence. It is his twentieth, which experience has given him skill in condensing his reviews.

We make this quotation from his review of Illinois, 1913, which should be read by all Freemasons:

“The Grand Secretary, R. E. Companion George W. Warvelle, writing the Foreign Correspondence report, well says:

“ ‘The essence of friendship is to love rather than to be loved, though most of us prefer to be loved. For its active exercise frequent intercourse is needed, for otherwise it may pass into simple good will. It is from this circumstance, perhaps, that Freemasonry, with the opportunities it offers, has become so highly esteemed. But Freemasonry only furnishes the opportunity. It is but a means, not an end. It does not make character, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding. A bad man is incapable of true friendship, either in Freemasonry or without. Where one's highest love is for himself, then, however much he may observe the conventional proprieties, he cannot be a friend to anyone.’ ”

He briefly reviews Pennsylvania and approves of our action relative to jurisdiction over the Past Master's Degree. Thanks, M. E. Companion DUNCAN.

EDWARD EVERETT, Grand High Priest, Farmersville.

RICHARD LAMBERT, Grand Secretary, New Orleans.
A. G. C. S.

MAINE.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine met in its Eighty-ninth Annual Convocation in the new Masonic Temple at Portland, on Tuesday evening, May 5, A. D. 1914, A. I. 2444, at seven o'clock.

Fifty-six of the sixty-two chartered Chapters were represented, and fourteen of the seventeen living Past Grand High Priests were in attendance.

After the Grand Chapter was opened the Committee on Credentials made its report, and the Grand High Priest appointed a number of Standing Committees. He then read his annual address, which shows the Craft to be in good condition. He gives full credit to the visiting officers and says: "The effect of their labors can have but one result, that of maintaining the high standard and uniformity of work that exists today." He speaks of a School of Instruction being held and reports "The practical benefit of these schools is apparent to the inspecting officer on his Official Visitations to those Chapters whose officers have attended one, and put into practice the instructions received there."

He made a number of Official Visitations and was much pleased with the rendition of the work. His closing paragraph is as follows:

“To the candidate of today will eventually be intrusted our future prosperity; remember that the hand that timidly knocks at our door today asking admission is the hand that tomorrow will wield the gavel. Let then the ballot box stand as a guardian over our future destinies, protecting us from the unworthy, from those who would be a menace to our institution and would eventually undermine those foundations laid with such skill and by such loving hands, remembering that strength does not lie in numbers alone but in the quality of the material that we select, and may the Great Divinity, whom we all adore, aid and protect us in our endeavors.”

The Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, together with four District Deputy Grand High Priests appointed each year, made Visitations to the Subordinate Chapters assigned to them, and by this means the several Chapters of the Jurisdiction are encouraged to keep up a high standard of work and efficiency.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a good working balance on hand and as well as a satisfactory balance in the Charity Fund of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

The Grand Secretary's report shows a membership April 1, 1914, of 10,357, a net gain of 206.

The report from the Committee on Correspondence is made by Companion WILLIAM D. PATTERSON. He fails to review the proceedings of Pennsylvania, and we presume the volume did not reach him in time. He makes a careful review of those received, quoting freely and often adding his own comments. Under Rhode Island we observe the following:

“His decision that a Chapter might receive the petition of a Master Mason who had lost his left arm between the elbow and shoulder and confer the degrees upon him was approved by the Grand Chapter, thus bringing Rhode Island into line with Illinois, where it is held that the loss of either hand does not make a Master Mason ineligible for the Chapter degrees. Concerning this matter he very wisely said:

“ ‘The effort which has been made in the past to debar Master Masons from advancement for physical disability, is a survival of the requirements, in ancient times, when Masons were both operative and speculative, and had to be physically perfect to perform their labors; but, in the present day, when we work only as speculative Masons, we should apply the requirements, as we do the working tools, to a more noble and glorious purpose. As the operative Masons were required to be physically perfect, so should the speculative Masons be required, in a symbolic sense, to be morally perfect.

“ ‘Hence our standard for admission to the Chapter should be moral, not physical. I can add no better words than to quote the Grand Z. of Canada, who, after saying he would have been pleased to rule in favor of the candidate, said: “*To hold otherwise is cruel and devoid of Masonic Charity.*” ’ ’ ’ ’

We do not care to discuss this matter with any Jurisdiction, but cannot help but wonder how such a candidate can meet all the requirements during the conferring of the Degrees.

WALLACE N. PRICE, Grand High Priest, Richmond.

STEPHEN BERRY, Grand Secretary, Portland.

A. G. C. S.

MARYLAND.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland for the one hundred and sixteenth year was held in the Masonic Temple

in Baltimore on Thursday, November 20, 1913, at seven o'clock P. M. All the Grand Officers were present, ten Past Grand High Priests, the Representatives of twenty-four Subordinate Chapters and forty-seven Past High Priests.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Full and Complete Form* when Companion GEORGE E. CORSON, Deputy General Grand High Priest, and Companion JOHN M. CARTER, General Grand Treasurer of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, were received with Grand Honors. The roll of duly accredited Grand Representatives, near the Grand Chapter, was called, and thirty-three Grand Jurisdictions were represented, Pennsylvania being among the number.

Companion GEORGE A. EITEL, Grand High Priest, made a very brief address to the Companions, dealing only with matters of interest to that Jurisdiction. No Decisions are reported, and but three Dispensations were granted.

We note the official notice of the death of Companion EDWARD T. S. SCHULTZ, who had been the Foreign Correspondent of the Grand Chapter of Maryland since 1876, and was one of the oldest, if not the oldest Foreign Correspondent in the United States at the time of his death. For fifteen years he had been totally blind, but with the aid of an amanuensis, he had prepared reports which were models for us all to follow.

Companion SCHULTZ's great work was his History of Freemasonry in Maryland, published in 1888, which is a rich contribution to the literature of Freemasonry.

The Grand Lecturer reports twenty-nine Visitations to nineteen Chapters.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand November 21, 1912, of \$7,193.13; receipts during year, \$3,676.87; disbursements, \$2,947.10; leaving a balance of \$7,922.90.

The Grand Secretary's report shows a membership of 3,857, a net gain of 165; total Exaltations during the year of 279.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion HENRY BRANCH, D. D. In it he reviews forty-five Grand Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania is accorded fraternal notice, and large excerpts are made from the report of the Committee on the Past Master's Degree. The Correspondent says he presumes the Annual Convocation was opened with prayer. This is not a presumption, but a fact, not only in Grand, but in all Subordinate Chapters in Pennsylvania.

He regrets that Companion SCHULTZ is not alive to answer our remarks on the "Texas Plan."

The extracts quoted from the proceedings of the different Grand Jurisdictions reviewed shows a care-

ful and conscientious reporter, who is able to cull the wheat from the chaff.

M. E. Companion EUGENE HAMMOND, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion JOHN H. MILLER, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

MARYLAND.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland was held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Baltimore, on Thursday, November 19, A. D. 1914, A. I. 2444, at seven o'clock P. M.

The M. E. Grand High Priest Companion EUGENE HAMMOND delivered the annual address.

After sympathetic reference to deceased Companions, a large part of his address is devoted to acknowledgments of courtesies received as an invited guest. He says of his visit to Philadelphia, on the occasion of the Quarterly Communication, September, 1914:

“Accepted invitation to visit the September Quarterly Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, and with the Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer was the guest of that Grand Body September 3-5, and I hardly know how to express my appreciation of the kindness, courtesy and hospitality extended your Grand Officers upon that occasion.

“We were assigned most comfortable apartments at the Bellevue-Stratford, where we were shown every attention as guests of the Grand Chapter of the grand old Keystone State.

“As a partial reciprocation of the above I instructed our Grand Secretary to extend an invitation to Companion George B. Wells, Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania, and other Grand Officers to be with us tonight.”

But this was not to be. To our great loss not one of the Grand Officers could be present.

He concludes thus:

“Let us hope that ere the gavel again sounds the opening of this Grand Chapter at its next Annual Convocation, that ‘Grim-visaged war will have smoothed his wrinkled front,’ and that the disgrace to and indictment of civilization will have become a thing of the past, and the affliction now overwhelming our Companions across the water will be as a hideous dream. And that the time will soon come when there will be no longer swords to beat into plough shares or spears into pruning hooks; that the prayer from the lips of countless thousands for nearly two thousand years will be answered, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven; that the angelic refrain which rang over the plains of Judea may no longer be a hollow mockery, but that ‘Peace on earth, good will to men’ will be a veritable reality, a glorious consummation.”

The Committee on Correspondence submitted the following special report, which was accepted and the conclusions adopted:

“BALTIMORE, November 19, 1914.

“The Committee on Correspondence submits this special report on the proposed new Grand Chapter of Alberta.

“We have received the Proceedings of a Convention held in the city of Calgary, Province of Alberta, on the 29th of May last for the purpose of forming an independent Grand Chapter for the Province, as also of the meeting held later on the same day of the Body thus formed.

“We have also a vigorous protest, dated June 6, of the Grand Z., Companion D. F. Macwatt, of the Grand Chapter of Canada, in which he denounces the so-called Grand Chapter of Alberta as ‘irregular, spurious and clandestine.’ and announces that he has ‘ordered the suspension from all

rights and privileges of legitimate Royal Arch Masonry of the leaders in this act of flagrant rebellion.'

“It seems that there are six Chapters in the Northern District of Alberta—Alberta, North Star, Mt. Horeb, Otuskwan, Bow Valley and Calgary—and five Chapters in the Southern District—Assiniboia, Shekinah, Golden West, Bekah and Kether. Of these, Representatives of nine Chapters participated in the Convention, but upon the organization of the new Body three of the nine apparently withdrew because of the defeat in the Convention of a resolution that the Grand Chapter of Canada be requested to approve of the formation. A Chapter under dispensation, Keystone, applied for a Charter, which was granted; and a negotiation of a loan of one thousand dollars (\$1000) was authorized to meet the necessary expenses of the Grand Chapter.

“Another recruit, Mount Horeb Chapter, is added to the list by the Grand Secretary, though its Representatives did not participate in the proceedings of the Convention or the newly formed Grand Body. This makes eight of the twelve Chapters of the Province, or rather fifteen, for it appears from the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada that there are three more Chapters U. D. in the Province.

“The chief claim of the new Grand Body seems to be that the Province of Alberta has a separate political autonomy, with legislative, judicial and executive powers, and that Masonic autonomy within its territory follows in consequence. The hardship of representation at the Grand Chapter of Canada, which usually meets at Toronto, involving a round trip of 4,162 miles at an expense of \$200 is urged, and the phenomenal success of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, organized in 1905, is cited as the prospect of the severance from the mother Grand Chapter.

“We have also received through Companion John M. Carter, Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada, at our Grand Chapter, an earnest protest from Companion George J. Bennett, P. G. Z. and Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Canada, against the recognition of the new Body, invoking Companion Carter's interposition to prevent such a recognition by the Grand Chapter of Maryland.

“In the present status of the case we cannot recommend the fraternal recognition of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

“There is much to be said on both sides of the pending controversy, but until the Chapters in Alberta present a more united front than the bare majority now offered they cannot expect to secure the fraternal recognition of disinterested Grand Chapters, whose great desire is to promote peace and harmony in the family of Royal Arch Masonry.

“The next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada will be held in the city of London, Ontario, February 24, 1915, and that of the

newly formed Grand Body in the city of Edmonton on March 10 following. It is to be hoped that milder counsels will prevail and that in due time, in the parlance of the present day, the contestants will 'get together.'

"HENRY BRANCH,
"Chairman."

Companion HENRY BRANCH presented the report on Correspondence, which is a concise, readable and enjoyable compilation, interspersed with original matter, evidencing thought and virile wit.

Under Colorado we find and quote the following *re* Grand Chapter of Alberta:

"The most important and interesting incident in these Proceedings is the action on the request of the new Grand Chapter of Alberta. After reciting the steps incident to its formation, this Committee concludes:

" 'It is, therefore, the opinion of your Committee that the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, at this time, especially in view of the action of the Convention having been taken, so far as we can learn, without notifying the Grand Chapter of Canada of its intention to organize, would not be a wise course to pursue; and, therefore, recommend that until more satisfied of the wisdom of the set up of such a new government and its benefits to Capitular Masonry in general, that recognition of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta be withheld, and the question remains open for further consideration as this Grand Chapter may from time to time deem proper.' "

"This is the first notice that has appeared in answer to the request for recognition. This Grand Chapter met so recently, and its action will attract attention.' "

Here is a little gem taken from Nebraska *re* the post-prandial speaker:

"The banquet was enjoyed without any speech-making, a custom sometimes honored in its breach. There are few men gifted with post-prandial utterance, and many are greatly embarrassed by being forced to say that they had nothing to say, while others have the irresistible impulse to prove the *vox et preterea nihil*, and these men require a long time to demonstrate it—the sounding brass and tinkling cymbal.' "

Under North Dakota *re* the Committee on Correspondence—why Foreign or any other designating term?—we find the following:

“A Committee was appointed to consider the appointment of a Committee on Foreign Correspondence. A good move in the right direction. The time is coming, however, when the word ‘foreign’ will lose its significance. We are now in touch with all the world by daily communication, over the land and under the sea, and, indeed, our flight is skyward. The limpid air is too dense, we use the subtler ether, and the wireless leaves the wires long behind in the race. Come take a seat at the Round Table; this is impudence, coming from the latest initiate, but come anyway; the latest convert is the swiftest evangelist.”

And here is the antithesis under Oklahoma:

“The Grand Secretary gives a pretty full report and discourages the printing of a Correspondence Report, encourages the increasing of the salary of the Grand Secretary that he may digest these reports, give a summary, etc., and save expense of printing, binding, postage, etc. Of course the Correspondents themselves are not competent to pass on this question. The Grand Chapter is not on record as adopting this plan, but it has no Correspondence Report in this number, being satisfied with the survey presented by the Grand Secretary. He was re-appointed, however, Chairman of the Correspondence Committee.”

Referring to the exordium in the now Past Grand High Priest WELLS's address, on assuming the station of Grand High Priest, he says:

“These words deserve to be ‘graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock forever.’ ”

And we approve this taken from his review of Washington:

“He attended the General Grand Chapter and notes that portion of the General Grand High Priest's address condemning the zeal of members of the Scottish Rite in proselyting Master Masons, thus diverting them from the completion of their real Masonic life, which can only be revealed and enjoyed in the Royal Arch.”

His conclusion breathes a modesty that is admirable. Here it is:

“The most cordial and at times too flattering reception accorded this Correspondent calls for acknowledgment, which this note is intended to express, with grateful appreciation.

“There may be found a place somewhere for these rough hewn stones; there are many that do not reach the arch and only one that fits the unique place, the head of the corner. Yet there are many unpolished stones in the foundation, some very plain ones in the growing walls. If anywhere and for any purpose these may find a place, then will he be satisfied to be received and acknowledged as a ‘Companion,’ a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.”

THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, M. E. Grand High Priest.

JOHN H. MILLER, R. E. Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, from February 13, to December 9, 1913, come to us in a handsomely bound volume.

The Grand Old Jurisdiction, like Pennsylvania, holds Quarterly Convocations.

At the March Convocation, the report of the Committee on Grand High Priest BURRAGES' annual address in September was read, and they very wisely, we think, approved most of his recommendations.

A number of Amendments to the Constitution, relating particularly to that Jurisdiction, and in most

cases being intended to clear up obscure wording, were adopted.

M. E. Companion BERNARD G. WITT, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, visited the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts at this Convocation and gave an entertaining and instructive address.

The Quarterly Convocation, held June 10th, was a very brief one; only routine business being transacted, and an illustrated lecture given by E. Companion HARVEY N. SHEPARD on "The Holy Land."

The September Quarterly Communication was likewise routine, and at its close Brother MELVIN M. JOHNSON delivered an address, entitled "The Lost Word."

The Annual Convocation was held December 9, 1913, and the four Degrees exemplified.

The Grand High Priest's address gives a very complete resume of his work for the year. Five Dispensations were granted. One Decision reported, viz.: That one or more officers of a Chapter may pay a fraternal visit to a sister Chapter and assist in conferring the Degrees on Candidates of the Chapter visited. One new Chapter was constituted during the year.

Among the recommendations by the Grand High Priest is one that there be more uniformity of time in holding the annual meetings of Subordinate Chap-

ters. He reports eighty-two Chapters with a membership of 24,165; also 1,434 Exaltations during the year. Speaking of this he says:

“This is very satisfactory, provided sufficient care has been exercised in the selection of material. Masonry is a conservative institution and should be kept so, as its centuries of existence testify; it is too strong to fear an attack from the outside; its danger, if any, will be from within. Not only should those who knock at our door be of good repute, and well recommended, but free from a turbulent and troublesome disposition, and they should be able to truly answer the first perquisite.”

The finances seem to be in excellent shape; a total of cash on hand and securities held by the Trustees of \$40,877.67.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion FREDERICK T. COMEE. In 199 pages he reviews fifty-six Grand Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania is given a very fraternal review of five pages. A liberal quotation is made from the report of the Committee on the proposed Amendment to our Constitution, which was an attempt to take away from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania the control of the Past Master's Degree.

Companion COMEE seems so infatuated with the method pursued by Massachusetts in the election of Grand Officers that in reviewing the proceedings of many sister Jurisdictions he advises them to give it serious consideration. As I gather from his remarks, they elect and re-elect their Grand High Priests for three years, and change the other Officers (except Secretary and Treasurer) each year, so that the

Grand Chapter has quite an array of Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Grand Kings and Grand Scribes.

Under Utah he says:

“Apparently this Grand Chapter will follow a one-year term of service for the Grand High Priest and progression in office for at least the next three officers. In doing this I feel they are making a mistake. . . . Certain customs may be satisfactory to a very small body which would prove most unsatisfactory in a large body, and if a small body expects to grow to a large body, it should endeavor to provide for that large body customs and regulations that will give to it the least annoyance and the greatest good.”

Well now we would say to our Companions of Utah not to be too much discouraged over the custom of advancing the elective officers until they attain the highest office in the Grand Chapter. We, in Pennsylvania, have gotten along fairly well under this system of advancement (although we re-elect all officers for two years), and we notice New York advances its officers in regular rotation; both of these Grand Jurisdictions are reasonably large, so there may be some merit in their custom. We had noted a number of things in the report on Correspondence, which we had intended to use until we struck this under North Carolina: “But few quotations are given, and those are short and well selected. With him I do not believe in making a Correspondence Report largely clippings from Grand High Priests’ addresses or Correspondence reports,” and yet the scissors and paste pot are sometimes mighty useful.

J. M. C.

MASSACHUSETTS.

A Special Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held in Masonic Hall, Amherst, on Thursday, February 13, A. D. 1913, A. I. 2443.

The Grand Chapter was opened in an apartment adjacent to the hall at seven o'clock P. M.

From the Committee on Grand High Priest's address we clip the following:

Referring to that part of the address concerning the advisability of appointing Past High Priests as Grand Representatives in preference to permanent members of this Grand Chapter, we think such action would be making an unwise discrimination. In the past it has been the practice of the presiding Grand High Priest to make selection and recommend for such Grand Representative some zealous, well-informed Companion who would properly represent a sister Grand Chapter, whether he be a permanent member of this Grand Chapter or a Past High Priest of a Subordinate Chapter, qualification only being considered. At the present time twenty-five per cent. of the Grand Representatives are Past High Priests not members of this Grand Chapter. We therefore are of the opinion that these appointments should as heretofore be left to the good judgment of the presiding Grand High Priest."

We quote from Companion COMEE's speech, presenting Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion HERBERT BLISS, on account of the happy turn it gives to the relative size of the State:

"When the State of Rhode Island is mentioned it is perhaps the general custom to think of it only as the smallest State in the Union. I have heard of a little discussion in our national councils about an appropriation for Rhode Island, when one of the opponents sarcastically remarked, 'How many feet has Rhode Island, anyway?' The answer: 'Sir, in Rhode Island we count by heads, not by feet.' Many people are perhaps not aware that there are eleven States in the Union that are smaller in population than the

little State of Rhode Island. The great State of Montana, which has 115 times the area of Rhode Island, has only three-fourths of its population; New Mexico, 100 times as large, has only one-fourth of the population; Vermont and New Hampshire have, one, less than three-fourths and the other a trifle more than the population of Rhode Island. So, Most Excellent, Rhode Island is not an inconsiderable State. It has much to commend it, and I am very glad that when we think of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island we think of a Jurisdiction that amounts to something in this country. It is with great pleasure that I present to you the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island. That is, he was the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island until this morning and then he became the Past Grand High Priest of Rhode Island,—Most Excellent Companion Herbert Bliss.”

From the address of M. E. General Grand High Priest WITT's address we quote, with our most hearty approval, the following:

“There is another thing I want to mention in closing. Let your loyalty be conspicuous to your Rite. I do not mean to criticise anything else in Masonry at all. Anything that has the label of Masonry looks good to me, and I have sought, and seek it on every occasion; but your first obligation is due to the York Rite of Masonry. I want that thought to sink into your minds—not that I have any criticism to make of any other department of Masonry or any other branch of Masonry; but the York Rite is distinctly and absolutely the American Rite, and all our Masonry is founded upon that great basis. Let us never get away from it, but uphold it and maintain it for the best there is in us, as long as we live. (Applause.)”

A Stated Quarterly Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, June 10, A. D. 1913, A. I. 2443, and September 9, A. D. 1913, A. I. 2443, an Annual Convocation.

The One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple,

Boston, on Tuesday, December 9, A. D. 1913, A. I. 2443.

It is interesting to learn that the time consumed in the Exemplification of the Mark Master's Degree and Lecture which followed was one hour and forty minutes. The lecture was given by E. Companion GREEN, Grand Lecturer, and Companion FREDERIC WHITON, Acting Captain of the Host.

The time consumed in the Exemplification of the Past Degree was thirty minutes. The lecture was given by the Grand Lecturers, Companions DELANO and GREEN.

The time consumed in the Exemplification of the Most Excellent Master's Degree was one hour and five minutes. The lecture was given by the Grand Lecturers, Companions GREEN and DELANO.

At the close of the Exemplification of the Most Excellent Degree a recess was declared for the purpose of partaking of a substantial lunch, furnished by the Grand Chapter.

Work was resumed in the Exemplification of the Royal Arch Degree at 2.35 P. M. The time consumed in the work and lecture was two hours and fifteen minutes. The lecture of the Royal Arch Degree was given by Companion DELANO, Grand Lecturer, and Companion EDWARD M. WOODWARD, JR., of Eureka Chapter, who was acting as Candidate.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion EUGENE A. HOLTON, delivered the annual address. He decided or rather

“Ruled, that one or more officers of a Chapter may pay a fraternal visit to a sister Chapter and assist in conferring the degree on candidates of the Chapter visited.”

In concluding his address he says:

“I congratulate the Grand Chapter on the harmony that exists and its continued prosperity. A report of our financial condition has been given by the Auditing Committee, which shows that we have added to our resources. We have also increased in number. There are now eighty-two Chapters, with a membership of 24,165. There have been exalted and affiliated during the year, 1,434. This is very satisfactory, provided sufficient care has been exercised in the selection of material. Masonry is a conservative institution and should be kept so, as its centuries of existence testify; it is too strong to fear an assault from the outside; its danger, if any, will be from within.

“Not only should those who knock at our door be of good report, and well recommended, but free from a turbulent and troublesome disposition, and they should be able to truly answer the first prerequisite.”

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Companion FREDERICK T. COMEE. He says in opening:

“In commencing my second Capitular Review I wish to thank the Correspondence Committees of other Grand Chapters who, in their reports, gave me a cordial welcome to fellowship with them, and say to those who expressed approval of the thoughts I placed before you in my first report that I appreciate and value their approval and am truly grateful for it. I have not copied their kind and somewhat complimentary remarks, as I consider them personal matter which you would not be particularly interested in. They would simply lengthen my report and the Proceedings of our sister Grand Chapters contain very much that will make more desirable reading for you which I shall not mention for fear of occupying too much space. I also thank those who frankly opposed the ideas I expressed. Differences in opinions will always exist and one honestly striving to learn that which is really best will welcome intelligent and kindly criticism of, or opposition to, the opinions he may hold, and in that spirit I present my second report.”

And then we go with him from Alabama to Wyoming, reading, enjoying, noting and marking for quotation as we go. The journey is made easy with good-sized, readable type.

Re the vexed question and somewhat unprofitable discussion as to which State had the first Lodge in America, he says:

“As I understand the matter, we do not deny that Army Lodges and, possibly, other Lodges, *without regular Charters or Warrants*, met in Massachusetts and probably elsewhere, but we claim that St. John’s Lodge, of Boston, is the first Lodge constituted in America *under the authority of a regular organized Grand Lodge*. The English Grand Lodge, formed in 1717, in 1730 appointed a Provincial Grand Master of New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, but so far as I have been able to learn he returned to and remained in England soon after receiving his appointment, and no *official record* whatever exists of any act performed under the appointment. June 5, 1733, the same Grand Lodge commissioned Henry Price ‘Provincial Grand Master of New England and Dominions and Territories belonging thereto.’ July 30, 1733, he organized a Provincial Grand Lodge in Boston, ten Brothers being present, and made eight Master Masons. The eighteen then petitioned the new Grand Master to be constituted into a regular Lodge and Grand Master Price did then and there constitute the First Lodge, afterwards the Holy Lodge of St. John, and the original petition and record is now in the archives of our Grand Lodge and until more authoritative proof to the contrary is shown than has ever come to my knowledge I think the claim will still be held that St. John’s Lodge, of Boston, is the oldest regularly constituted Lodge in this country.”

Under Illinois, *re* Correspondence Reports, he says:

“‘The Postscript’ is very ably written and interesting from beginning to end. It opens with the question ‘Of what use are these letters?’ which the Most Excellent Companion says he is ‘unable to answer.’ I will not undertake to answer it but feel that much information may be obtained from Correspondence Reports (which, in my opinion, should contain a synopsis of the Proceedings of other Grand Chapters), if they are read. If they are not read they become, like every good thing that is not used, of little

or no practical value. The Chapter members generally cannot obtain the Proceedings of all the Grand Chapters, but with little effort, they can, temporarily at least, obtain a copy of the Proceedings of their own Grand Body, in which they may reasonably expect to find the report of a Committee appointed to inform them in regard to what other Grand Jurisdictions have done. The most information about anything that exists today is obtained, first, by travel and personal investigation; second, by reading or hearing an authorized account, and third, by a reliable report of one who has witnessed, or read, an authentic account of that concerning which we are seeking information. The preparation of such a report I consider the essential duty of a Grand Correspondent. If the Companions fail to read the report, and obtain the information it contains, it is their individual loss. In providing the information the Grand Chapter has done all in its power; it cannot compel Companions to read it, but I believe it should furnish it for those whose interest in Capitular Masonry leads to a desire for it."

Under Mississippi *re* Masonic Titles, he says:

"In reviewing this Jurisdiction I have avoided the prefixing of titles, as I understand the use of them in Capitular Masonry is not approved in Mississippi. In civil life one who earns the title of 'Honorable' is always an Honorable; in the Army a 'General' is always a General and in the Navy an 'Admiral' always an Admiral. In the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts a Grand High Priest is always a 'Most Excellent' and Deputy Grand High Priests, Grand Kings and Grand Scribes always 'Right Excellents,' and I believe the value of their services entitles them to that consideration and distinction. If it becomes my duty to write another Correspondence Report I may thoughtlessly call Companion McKay 'Most Excellent,' and if I do I trust he will forgive me; however, I believe the title honestly belongs to him."

Below we give a sample of the statistical headings of the Jurisdictions reviewed:

PENNSYLVANIA 1912

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL PHILADELPHIA DEC. 27

135 CHAPTERS 33,188 MEMBERS 685 GAIN

35 Chapters represented

Grand High Priest presiding, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH

Grand High Priest elected, GEORGE B. WELLS, Philadelphia

Grand Secretary, CHARLES CARY, Philadelphia

We clip also the following, which explains itself:

“In the review of Connecticut it is said by Most Excellent W. B. Meredith (a member of this Committee):

“ ‘We certainly hold that Passing to the Chair (elsewhere the P. M. Degree) is a part and parcel of Symbolic Masonry; it always has been so with us, and it always will be so. Our Chapters cannot, and dare not, receive a petition for the Capitular Degrees, unless the applicant has regularly Passed the Chair by election or dispensation.’

“In Massachusetts, this custom appears somewhat strange, and I am not aware that it exists in any State other than Pennsylvania. We consider the Past Degree, as conferred in a Chapter, a part of Capitular Masonry, and expressly state to the candidate that ‘*it is conferred in the Chapter for Chapter purposes only.*’ A Brother who receives it in a Chapter has no standing as a Past Master in a Master Masons’ Lodge, and a Past Master of a Lodge of Master Masons who is not a Mark Master Mason has no standing in a Lodge of Past Masters working under a Chapter Charter, although it is possible, in taking the Capitular Degrees, that one might not be required to take that degree in the Chapter Body, but I have never known a Past Master of a Lodge to receive the degrees in one of our Chapters without ‘Passing the Chair’ the same as other candidates. It appears somewhat singular that permission from a Grand Master, who may not be a Chapter Mason, should be necessary before applying for the Capitular Degrees, unless the Brother has actually been Master of a Lodge of Master Masons.

“Each Grand Chapter has the right to establish its own laws and your attention is called to this simply to inform those who are not aware of it of one of the differences existing in other Grand Chapters from the customs followed in our own Jurisdiction.”

Companion Past Grand High Priest J. HENRY WILLIAMS’S report to Grand Chapter on a Motion to Amend the Constitution of Grand Chapter, so as to assume the right to confer the Past Master’s Degree in Subordinate Chapters, throws illuminating light on this question.

EUGENE A. HOLTON, M. E. Grand High Priest.

J. GILMAN WAITE, R. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.

MICHIGAN.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan was called to order in Masonic Temple, in the city of Detroit, on Tuesday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock, May 19, 1914, by the M. E. Grand High Priest, JOHN H. KINGSLEY, who delivered his annual address, from which we quote:

“Sixty-six years ago this Grand Chapter became an established institution. No one who was present at the time of its constitution is now living. Thoroughly imbued with the principles and teachings of the Royal Craft must have been the handful of sturdy men which met for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of Capitular Masonry back in the middle of the last century, when the pioneers of Michigan, with the coming of the first railroad began to feel the quickening pulse of commerce, manufacturing and the growth of our great agricultural industry. From that small beginning has developed the present organization, with 151 Subordinate Chapters and a membership of nearly 24,000.”

There in a nut shell you have, not the Alpha and Omega, but the beginning and present of Capitular Masonry in Michigan. Quite a novel meeting of the three Detroit Chapters in a joint-meeting is referred to as follows:

“The joint meeting was somewhat new and notable (*we are so glad he didn't say 'new and novel'*) in Masonic circles of Detroit. The Royal Arch Degree conferred by officers selected from Monroe No. 1, Peninsular No. 16, and King Cyrus No. 133. A candidate from each Chapter made up the team. It was a splendid exemplification of the Ritual; each worker was master of his position and it was beautiful to see the work progress as smoothly as though they belonged to the same Chapter. Over five hundred sat at the banquet at the close. The joint meeting will undoubtedly be an annual occasion with these Chapters, and will create a more friendly feeling among the 3587 Royal Arch Masons who comprise their membership.”

The Grand High Priest ruled that in conferring the Mark, Past and Most Excellent Degrees and in answer to the

“Question: Should Blue Lodge aprons and jewels be used in conferring the first three degrees in the Chapter?”

“Answer: No. All Chapter degrees are Capitular degrees and Chapter aprons and jewels should be worn.”

Speaking of the Masonic Home he says:

“The Masonic Fraternity of Michigan has had two valuable properties donated to it, and it can well afford to make the institution the equal of any of those of our sister Grand Jurisdiction. Since the management has passed entirely into the hands of the Grand Lodge, and this body elects the Board of Control, the antagonistic feeling formerly existing has been overcome. The members of the Board of Control are broad minded, capable men and are making an earnest effort to extend the greatest amount of deserved charity possible under the present system. But we, and we are all Master Masons, should go a step farther and place this institution in such shape that every deserving and indigent Brother, or his widow, can be cared for whether his Lodge feels inclined, or able, to apply for his admission.”

The “Annual Review of Capitular Masonry” was prepared by that Veteran Reviewer and Right Excellent Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan, and Secretary of the General Grand Chapter. There you have it—all the glories—of course the review must be good; and it is good.

In his introduction he says:

“I think I cannot do better in giving you my Twelfth Annual Review, than to quote to you from a circular recently sent out to the members of his Jurisdiction by Companion Park C. Hayes, Grand High Priest of Wyoming. It certainly contains much food for thought. I do not think our own Jurisdiction can complain as much about so many side-tracking the Chapter to take the Scottish Rite grades, still a great many do to their own detriment,

for if they would complete the York Rite they would then be much better qualified to appreciate and enjoy the Scottish Rite if they desired to continue.”

We are in hearty accord with Companion PARK C. HAYES and regret that we cannot quote his circular. It should not be possible for a Blue Lodge Mason to petition for the Scottish Rite Degrees until he had also received, at least, the Capitular Degrees. There are so many reasons in support of this view that we have neither the time nor space to present them. But we hope to see the day when the Scottish Rite will require petitioners to be Royal Arch Masons, and we would be better pleased if possession of the Templar Degrees should be required also.

The whole review is well worth the reading. It is beautifully printed on clear white paper, in delightfully readable type but, like all of Companion CONOVER’S work, defies the use of “scissors and paste pot.” Companions, you will have to get Michigan’s proceedings and read this report: No adequate resume can be furnished.

As to Companion CONOVER’S method, he says in his conclusion:

“If any thoughts have come to me while reviewing the Proceedings, I have just jotted them down as they came along. No particular controversies have been engaged in so there was not much to fight over. I have long ago given up the effort to make the fellow come across who does not see things as I do, for somehow he seems to have the idea in his cranium that I ought to see things as he does, and not being able to get hold of him physically it seems too bad to muss up two or three pages of the Proceedings trying to convince him against his will. So many of us are like the old lady who said: ‘I am perfectly willing to be convinced, but I should like to see how that fellow looks that can convince me.’”

Later on in his conclusion *re* membership in General Grand Chapter he says:

“Texas and Pennsylvania are not constituents of the General Grand Chapter and Texas beats us in number of Chapters, but not in members, while Pennsylvania passes us in members but not in Chapters. All things considered, Michigan has no reason whatever to be ashamed of either members or Chapters, for she makes up in quality that which she may lack in quantity.”

Good for you! “Go in and toot your horn if you don’t sell a clam,” says Mark Twain.

WILLIAM W. WATTS, M. E. Grand High Priest.

CHARLES A. CONOVER, R. E. Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

MINNESOTA.

The Fifty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota was held in the city of St. Paul, October 14, 1913.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*, with all the Grand Officers present.

Of the eighty-three Subordinate Chapters sixty-four were represented, and many sister Grand Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania was not represented.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion WILLIAM STAFFORD, in his annual address gave a very comprehensive review of the year’s work. Judging by his report he has given much of his time and atten-

tion to the duties of his office. In presenting his address he says:

“I now present my work for your inspection. If it be found to have the proper mark upon it, and will pass the Master Overseer’s Square, I shall be thankful and will feel that my efforts have not been in vain”

A loving tribute is paid to Past Grand High Priest GEORGE NEWELL HOUGHTON, who died at Minneapolis, March 21, 1913.

Among the Decisions we note: It is permissible to put two teams through the Royal Arch in one night, but they must be taken through the Vails three at a time. Refused Dispensation to receive and ballot same night on petition of two petitions, the applicants being about to leave the community for some time, all of which seems to be good Masonic law to us.

The Charter of one Chapter was lifted, and after a personal investigation the Grand High Priest informed some of the members that the only way the matter could be straightened out was for those desirous of having a Chapter in the place to petition for a Dispensation exactly as if no Chapter had previously existed. This fourteen Companions did and a Dispensation was granted for a new Chapter. Looks to us as if they were taking rather heroic means to get rid of some undesirable Companions.

Two new Chapters were constituted during the year, as Nos. 82 and 83. A number of special Dispensations were granted to hold elections at other than the time set by the By-laws.

A telegram was sent conveying the deep sympathy of the Grand Chapter to M. E. Companion ISAAC L. HART, Past Grand High Priest, who was ill at his home at Pipestone, Minnesota, and their regret at his first absence from the meeting of the Grand Chapter. Three days later M. E. Companion HART died.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows:

Balance on hand	\$ 6,956 24
Received during year	5,390 49
Total	\$12,346 73
Disbursements	5,927 87
Balance in Treasury	\$ 6,418 86
Permanent investments	7,000 00
Total resources	\$13,418 86

The Grand Secretary's report shows exaltations 599, joined 66, restored 14, total 639. Withdrawals 112, stricken from roll 124, died 118, total loss 354, net gain 354. Total membership October 14, 1913, 8,823.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion IRVING TODD, who in fifty-seven pages reviews fifty-one Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania is accorded fraternal notice. Companion TODD culls facts from the different Jurisdictions, which he gives to the Companions of Minnesota without comment. We suppose that he only gives them such things as he thinks are good for them to have.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM A. HANKINS, Grand High Priest.

Companion JOHN FISHEL, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

MINNESOTA.

The Fifty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Minnesota was held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of St. Paul, commencing at ten o'clock A. M., on Tuesday, October 13, A. D. 1914, A. I. 2444.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM A. HAWKINS delivered the annual address. He tells us that "another year has passed and gone" and "welcomes" to the Fifty-third Annual Convocation. We are also told that:

"In my trip over the State I found the best of peace and prosperity which made it to me one continual round of pleasure which I shall never forget as long as I live."

He was asked this question:

"Who is the proper officer to salute when entering a Chapter after it is open, and who is the proper officer for the Royal Arch Captain to report to when there is an alarm at the Chapter Room door? I gave it as my opinion that the Captain of the Host was the proper one, but stated that I would bring it before the Custodians that we might have a positive decision."

Although he modestly named the Captain of the Host, the Board of Custodians thought otherwise, for their report says:

"Your Board of Custodians, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand High Priest's address as to the proper officer to salute on entering

a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and who is the Royal Arch Captain to report to when there is an alarm at the door of the Chapter Room, unanimously report: that the High Priest is the proper officer to salute, and report to, for the reason that he is the presiding officer, and the source of authority and dignity in the Chapter.”

Very true! Wisely and properly decided.

The report on Foreign Correspondence comes from the pen of Companion IRVING TODD and ranges from Alabama to Wyoming in fifty-five pages. The reviews are all brief. The boiling-down process has been carried to a quintessence.

Under New Jersey he says:

“Companion H. S. Haines presented the inevitable report on Foreign Correspondence in addition to manifold other duties, leaving no time to boil it down. It is a readable paper, however, and needed no signature as a clue to paternity.”

Under Pennsylvania he notes that

“A visiting delegation from New Jersey was welcomed; Companion Charles Cary, having declined re-election on account of ill health, was designated as Secretary Emeritus, at \$500 per year; and there was nothing in the address but *long drawn out details of purely local matters.*” (The italics are ours.)

He also says:

“The Committee of Five presented the Report on Correspondence, Minnesota reviewed by Companion J. M. Core, a page and a half, in a very fraternal manner.”

The report ends—there is no “conclusion.” But, it was readable—very: quotable “nit.”

BENJ. A. PHILLIPS, M. E. Grand High Priest.

JOHN FISHEL, R. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Mississippi was held in the hall of Meridian Chapter No. 25, in the city of Meridian, on Thursday, February 19, 1914, at nine o'clock.

M. E. Companion W. A. JOHNS presented the annual address. After the usual opening we are told that:

“Growth is an evidence of life. I am glad to report that since our last Convocation there have been exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Masons, 447, while we have lost from all causes 342, a net gain of 105.”

Under the topic—Schools of Instruction, we read:

“Good work in exemplifying the Royal Arch Degrees is the basis of our growth in numbers and quality of membership. I recommend that we have one School of Instruction at a central point, and I urge that every Chapter send a Representative, and that the Representative should study and learn the verbiage before the time of meeting. The School should be for advanced pupils and not a kindergarten.”

Just how the good work done in the Chapter can be the “basis of growth in numbers and quality of membership” we fail to understand, in view of the fact that the petitioners cannot have seen it and therefore could not know whether the work was well done or not. Degrees, properly and effectively staged, cannot fail to hold members, but growth can only come from practically the same desire that rested in the heart of the petitioner for the Entered Apprentice Degree. He must be “prompted solely by a favorable opinion conceived of the Institution, and a desire of knowledge.” Now, that favorable

opinion can only be had by an observance of the walk and conversation of those believed to be members; by a study of the fruits that fall from the Masonic tree and a "desire of knowledge."

If the same amount of effort were used to spread the esoteric meaning underlying all Masonic teaching that is given to the exoteric, can it be questioned that the result would be greater. Not work, not numbers only, but workers in the Capitular field that can point the deep meaning, the sublime teaching underlying the symbol.

The Most Excellent High Priest strikes the keynote when in concluding he says:

"With a heart full of appreciation to you all, and love for the principles of Freemasonry."

We quote from the report of the Committee on Necrology the following, which is quite in touch with what we have above written:

"It is easy for everyone to imagine that others may die, but most hard for us that we may die. Ah, the grave of a Brother, we wonder who will be next, but it is always somebody else, not ourselves. That is one reason, notwithstanding the teachings of Masonry—that so many of us make so little preparation for our own departure. *If we were all really good Masons, we would be good men, doing faithfully and truly in our lives the work the Supreme Master has given us to do, loving Him with our hearts and serving Him with our minds and bodies, so that we may obtain the blessings and reward He holds out to us.* In most part we are Masons only in our bodies, for our own pleasure, while in our souls—our real selves—we are somewhere else." (The italics are ours.)

The report on Foreign Correspondence comes from the pen of Companion OLIVER L. MCKAY.

Under Delaware anent dependent membership he says:

“The automatic rule is all right, and works no hardship on a Companion, as we see it, in that he knows in advance when he permits himself to become suspended for non-payment of dues in his Blue Lodge, it means immediate suspension in the Chapter. A building is no stronger than its foundation, and when a Mason allows his zeal in symbolic Masonry to reach such a low ebb as to become suspended for non-payment of dues, his Masonry is resting on a very fragile foundation; consequently, the superstructure is liable to crumble, as in this case, at any time. Of course, we do not refer to the Brother overtaken by adversity, provision for whom is always made by his Brethren in the Blue Lodge.”

Under Pennsylvania he says:

“The Grand Master (A. G. Criswell Smith) presented a splendid address, in which he sets forth his labors of the year quite entertainingly.”

Of his decision, that a petition could not be received from a Brother who has lost almost half of one of his fingers, he comments:

“Which is simply physical perfection gone wild.”

He further says that

“The business of the session was routine in character and of local interest. The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by the Committee of Five, and was, as to be expected, a very able review, well written and quite instructive throughout. Mississippi came under the observation of Companion John M. Core, who favors us with a very liberal and kind review of our Proceedings for 1912, consuming five pages.”

The whole report is well and tactfully written, containing much of interest, although in his conclusion he says:

“A patient and careful study of the Proceedings, reaching us during the year, reveals so little new, or out of the ordinary, that the task of concluding this review is a very easy one, indeed, leaving nothing to be said but that the Companions throughout the Capitular World are laboring in peace and

harmony for the upbuilding of Capitular Masonry and ascribing 'holiness to the Lord' in lives of higher ideals and purer living. God grant that it may ever be so!''

ROBERT SOMERVILLE, M. E. Grand High Priest.

FREDERIC GORDON SPEED, R. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.

MISSOURI.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri was called to order at ten o'clock A. M., Tuesday, April 28, A. D. 1914, A. I. 2444, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, St. Louis, Mo.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion WILLIAM F. JOHNSON, delivered his annual address, reporting his official acts. He says in part:

“At this meeting, it becomes our duty not only to render an account of the work accomplished since our last Convocation, but to deliberate on all causes and matters that may affect our future, as well as our present welfare and prosperity as an order. Our success in this regard will depend upon the fairmindedness and assiduity with which we approach and consider every question presented for our deliberation.

“Freemasonry has come down to us through the centuries, in principle and in great truths, unaffected by the mutations of time or fortune and rising superior to passion and prejudice; an exemplification of that sentiment: ‘Get but the truth once uttered, and it is like a star new-born, that drops into its place, and which, once circling in its placid round, not all the tumult of the earth can shake.’ It should be our watchful and jealous care to see that no inroads or innovations are made upon the great and fundamental principles of our Order. We recognize the inherent and inalienable right of every Companion to adopt for himself his dogmas, creeds and doctrines, not in conflict with the great fundamental truths of

Freemasonry, and to decide for himself his political affiliations. As an Order, thus far we can go, and no further, if we expect and hope to transmit our mysteries with scrupulous purity to those who come after us."

Of the condition of Capitular Masonry in Missouri he says:

"The year has been a prosperous one for Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. One thousand and twenty-eight were exalted, equaling, in number, the exaltations of 1912. The returns of the Chapters show a total membership of 14,103, a net gain of 445 during the Masonic year.

"From the reports from the various Chapters of the State, of the work initiated and in contemplation, the coming year promises greater prosperity."

Among other decisions he decided that a member having paid his dues in advance was entitled to receive back that portion paid in advance, upon his resignation from the Chapter, dating from his resignation to the time to which the dues were paid.

He held that a Chapter could increase or decrease the salary of an officer during the term of his election by an Amendment to its By-laws, but we think this decision should have been qualified to read that the increase or decrease could date only from the date of the approval by Grand Chapter of the Amendment.

It is somewhat interesting to learn, as we do from his conclusion, that

"Every sunrise has its sunset. Everyone to whom is intrusted this gavel of authority must, in time, yield it to another. Assuming, for a space, its responsibilities; wearing, for a time, its honors, and enjoying, for the year, its accompanying pleasures, ere I lay down the gavel, I desire to acknowledge to you my deep debt of gratitude.

"If, in your opinion, I have made honest and faithful efforts to perform the duties of the office, to do and act well my part, my regret over my shortcomings will be assuaged.

“With the knowledge that the Robe of the Grand High Priest will be placed upon one worthy of the honor, who will be guided by a deep justice and broad benevolence, I congratulate you, in advance, on a prosperous coming year.”

The Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence thus refers to what is termed the “Obduracy of Scotland”:

“Whereas, The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Missouri, has recognized the Grand Royal Arch Chapters of New Zealand, New South Wales and Western Australia, as having been regularly constituted and between them and ourselves there has been exchange of Representatives.

“The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland claims jurisdiction over New Zealand, New South Wales and Western Australia, by organizing and fostering Chapters therein, seeking to hold the territory as her own.

“She also pursues the same course of invasion of territory under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, by making and sustaining a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the Philippine Islands.

“Repeated appeals, presented with due courtesy, by the Grand Chapters of New Zealand, New South Wales and Western Australia, have been treated in a spirit of strenuous opposition. The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland refused to yield the right of sovereignty over the territory indicated, and declines to recognize the Grand Chapters named, or to hold Masonic communion with them, except on condition that she be permitted to organize Chapters and maintain sovereignty in the future as she has done and is doing at the present period, therefore, be it

“Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri deplors the existing state of affairs, and expresses the hope that the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland can see the way clear to retire from the territory designated herein, as it is evident that two Grand Jurisdictions of Royal Arch Masons cannot in amity and fellowship, exercise sovereign power.”

It is from the pen of Companion JOHN HENDERSON MILLER, who also furnishes the report which opens in the following unique way:

COMPANIONS:—The following questions which have come to me are answered here in lieu of an introduction:

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Q. What proof is there that The Law of the Lord was ever lost?

A. See Second Chronicles 34:14-21: "Hilkiah the priest found a book of the law of the Lord given by Moses," etc.

Q. What should lead to a choice in the election of an officer in a Subordinate and Grand Chapter?

A. Fitness for the position.

Q. Who is The Brightest Mason in Missouri?

A. The first Secretary of a Chapter that sends in the returns correct on every point and accompanied by the dues and fees of the current year in full.

Q. Is there any proof that Solomon and Hiram King of Tyre were friends?

A. Read First Kings, fifth chapter: "And Hiram King of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father; for Hiram was ever a lover of David," etc.

Q. Who is the most humorous Masonic speaker you ever heard?

A. M. E. Companion Henry Banks, of Georgia, General Grand Master of the Third Veil, General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

Q. Was there really a man by the name of Hiram connected with the building of King Solomon's Temple?

A. Read First Kings, seventh chapter, beginning with the thirteenth verse: "And King Solomon sent and fetched Hiram out of Tyre. He was a widow's son," etc.

Q. What is "The Texas Plan" mentioned in Masonic periodicals?

A. In Texas the Mason who wishes to become a Royal Arch Mason must make application for the Council Degrees (Royal and Select Masters) at the same time he petitions for the Chapter Degrees. This is called "The Texas Plan."

Q. Who was Zerubbabel?

A. A Royal Prince of the House of Judah; held with his people in Babylonish captivity; bore the Chaldee name of Sheshbazzar; liberated by King Cyrus and appointed Tirshatha (Governor) of Judea; conducted the Jews back to their own country; under royal clemency and favor rebuilt the Temple of the Lord in Jerusalem and restored to their proper places and uses the sacred golden vessels, which a plundering conqueror had carried away; lived probably 575 to 400 B. C.

Q. I've been somewhat disappointed in Masonry; in fact have not received the attention I think I deserve. Under the circumstances would you advise me to join the Shrine?

A. Sure! The Shriners will be glad to give you all the attention you deserve. That's what they're in business for—to give attention to Masons who think they have not received all that was coming to them.

It would be such an anomalous proceeding to begin a Report on Fraternal Correspondence with a review of Wyoming and end with one on Alabama that no one has ever ventured to do so. Missouri shivers and grows pale at the thought, and begins as usual with Alabama.

And so we go with him from Alabama to Wyoming noting his supplemental remarks, under each Jurisdiction reviewed, tickled with his treatment, but finding blessed little that our eager scissors can clip for the edification of our Companions of Pennsylvania. True, he does say that "the newly elected Grand High Priest, Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, delivered a short address of a *hortatory* character." (The italics are ours.) Well! George always was an encouraging, exhortatory cuss.

He thinks it possible some might be interested to learn the attendance on the several Convocations of this great (Pennsylvania) Chapter and proceeds to furnish the data. He also says:

"Companion J. M. Core was one of the five Correspondents selected to write a review of Missouri's work, and he did it well. He was greatly impressed with the work and address of Grand High Priest McRae, and quoted approvingly in a way to please all of us in Missouri."

Thanks! Missouri has fallen to other hands this year, but we know Companion CORE, and we know he will appreciate the above comment and thank us for thanking you.

Under Wisconsin we quote *re* the value and utility of Masonic Homes, with our hearty approval and concurrence:

"It would seem, however, that the old Masonic idea—direct assistance to the unfortunate as needed—would accomplish more; give better satisfaction and cost less money without the investment."

“Ridicule is no argument, neither is a mere assertion by way of denial. The proof of the value of Masonic Homes is too plain to take the time and space to reply to the above quotation. When the aged are comfortably cared for as long as they live, and children are educated, raised and sent out into the world to become industrious and useful citizens, there is no argument needed. To give a few dollars is charity, and we know what that means; but there is a form of Masonic charity that goes beyond the expenditure of money, which cares for the objects of our bounty and makes our offerings and our gifts the fruits of Masonic love. This is true charity.”

We use, tendering our thanks for the “items of interest,” the following:

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

Some Facts Concerning Some Grand Chapters.

GRAND CHAPTERS HAVING MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

Texas	269
New York	207
Illinois	205
Ohio	177
Canada	162
Michigan	151
Georgia	146
Pennsylvania	135
Iowa	127
Indiana	117
California	115
Kentucky	110
Missouri	107

GRAND CHAPTERS HAVING TEN THOUSAND MEMBERS OR MORE.

New York	39,398
Illinois	37,350
Ohio	35,360
Pennsylvania	32,503
Massachusetts	24,165
Michigan	22,462
Texas	18,860
Canada	16,983

Indiana	16,384
Missouri	14,085
California	12,692
Iowa	12,580
Wisconsin	10,640
Maine	10,151

GRAND CHAPTERS REPORTING MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND EXALTATIONS.

Illinois	3,021
Ohio	2,495
New York	2,303
Texas	1,802
Pennsylvania	1,637
Canada	1,618
Michigan	1,525
Massachusetts	1,335
Indiana	1,307
Missouri	1,010

GRAND CHAPTERS REPORTING A NET GAIN OF MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND.

Illinois	2,079
Ohio	1,745
Canada	1,237
New York	1,138
Texas	1,082

At all events the aggregate of the cash and assets of the several Jurisdictions, reaching the tidy sum of \$710,891.65, somewhat staggered us. And it is growing, this fund is, and a mighty big umbrella it is for a future rainy day.

The summary of statistics gives \$824,155.96 as the total of cash and securities, a larger amount than shown by my figures, which were compiled from the Correspondence Report of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, but, *n'importe*, it's a tidy little sum, all the same.

Now, this is unique :

“ ‘S. N. P. D.’

“These four letters work greater havoc to the membership of Royal Arch Masonic Chapters than the ravages of ‘Physical Perfection,’ ‘Dependent Membership,’ ‘The Texas Plan,’ and ‘Special Favors for Preachers,’ all combined.

“The letter ‘P’ is most important in the group, ‘S. N. P. D.,’ and is very useful when handled with care, but under certain circumstances becomes one of the most powerful letters for good fortune or bad. It can open the gate to a Paradise of peace, purity and perfection, or push us into a Purgatory from which no Priest can deliver us by his prayers. It ushers one man into the pleasures of a palace and thrusts another into the punishments of a penitentiary. On the letter ‘P,’ to some extent, hangs the future of Royal Arch Masonry. In the above combination, ‘P’ stands for ‘Payment,’ and the four letters for ‘Suspended for Non-Payment of Dues.’ That means, ‘Pay, or Pass Out.’ ”

All of which seems very good to me.

MARTIN T. BALSLEY, M. E. Grand High Priest.

ROBERT F. STEVENSON, R. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.

NEBRASKA.

The Forty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska was held at Omaha, December 10 and 11, 1913. The proceedings appear in a neatly bound volume of 104 pages, being pages 687 to 791, evidently of a larger volume. On the back is the notice: “Published for the private information of the Craft.”

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Full Form*, with all but one of the Grand Officers present, and the

Representatives of forty of the fifty-five chartered Chapters. Among the Grand Jurisdictions represented we find Pennsylvania was present.

The annual address of Grand High Priest BENJAMIN F. PITMAN contains an excellent review of the work of the year. He paid sixteen official Visitations to Subordinate Chapters and seems to have had a watchful eye over Capitular Masonry in his Jurisdiction. He granted one Dispensation to receive a petition and ballot on a candidate at the same meeting, but we very heartily approve his remarks accompanying the same:

“Personally I am opposed to railroading any petition through, but the exigencies of the occasion seemed to warrant this, and I threw all possible safeguards around the Dispensation by setting February 12th, their regular meeting night, causing not less than three days’ notice to be mailed to every member in Howard County of the proposed action, the time of meeting, the purpose of the notice and the name of the applicant to be voted upon.”

A number of other Dispensations to hold elections, etc., were granted.

The Decisions reported are all local and seem to be well supported by Masonic law.

The Grand Treasurer reports:

Balance on hand at last report	\$ 7,851 52
Received interest	175 42
Received from Grand Secretary	3,239 25
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	\$11,266 19
Paid out	2,894 29
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Balance on hand	\$ 8,371 90

The Grand Secretary's report shows 312 exaltations and admissions, loss by death &c. 192, leaving a net gain for the year of 120, with a total membership of 4,770.

The report of the Masonic Home shows a total of forty-one persons during the year, at a total cost of \$9,631.07, an average cost per person of \$234.90.

We note in the report of the Committee on doings of Grand Officers the following:

“We have learned indirectly that the Grand High Priest, Benjamin F. Pitman, paid his own expenses while visiting Chapters and donated the amount appropriated therefor to furnishing a room in the Nebraska Masonic Home. This action of our Most Excellent Companion in thus exemplifying the great principle of Charity meets our hearty commendation.”

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by M. E. Companion CHARLES J. PHELPS, it being his twenty-second annual report. In it he reviews the proceedings of sister Grand Jurisdictions, but without comment of any kind. Pennsylvania is accorded a fraternal review and a liberal quotation made from M. E. Companion A. G. CRISWELL SMITH's address is made.

M. E. Comapnion JAMES TAYLOR, Grand High Priest.

Companion FRANCIS E. WHITE, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

NEVADA.

We clip with thanks the following:

MASONIC CALENDAR.

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS—

Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it *Anno Lucis* (A. L.), “in the year of light.”

SCOTTISH RITE—

Same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish chronology is used, *Anno Mundi* (A. M.), “in the year of the world.”

ROYAL ARCH MASONS—

Date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, *Anno Inventionis* (A. I.), “in the year of the discovery.”

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—

Date from the year in which the temple of Solomon was completed, *Anno Depositionis* (A. Dep.), “in the year of the deposit.”

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—

Commence their era with the organization of their order, *Anno Ordinis* (A. O.), “in the year of the order.”

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—

Date from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, *Anno Beneficio* (A. B.), “in the year of the blessing.”

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES.

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS—

Add 4000 years to common era. Thus: 1913 and 4000—5913.

SCOTTISH RITE—

Add 3760 years to the common era. Thus: 1913 and 3760—5673. After September add another year.

ROYAL ARCH—

Add 530 years to the vulgar era. Thus: 1913 and 530—2443.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—

Add 1000 years to common era. Thus: 1913 and 1000—2913.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—

From Christian era take 1118. Thus: 1118 from 1913—795.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—

To the Christian era add 1913, the Year of Blessing. Thus: 1913 and 1913—3826.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons commenced its Fortieth Annual Grand Convocation in the Masonic Temple in Reno, on Monday, the ninth day of June, A. I. 2443, at twelve o'clock M.

The following beautiful prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain, the Rev. SAMUEL UNSWORTH:

“O God, the Mysterious, Invisible, Ineffable, Whom no man hath seen nor can see, yet whom we know and acknowledge to be the Lord, because

Thou hast revealed Thy almighty power and divinity, in the things that Thou hast made, to man whom Thou hast also made, in Thy image, to be Thy prophet, interpreter, Son. Thou that madest the eye—Thou seest; Thou that diggest the channel of the obedient ear—Thou hearest prayer—unto Thee may all flesh come. The minds Thou gavest think Thy thoughts after Thee. Our conscience is the echo of Thy voice—when duty says ‘Thou must!’ we are able to answer ‘I will,’ because we are Thy children—made in Thy image and likeness. Hear us, Father, as we come to Thee in the words of that Son who is our great Companion, example and friend, and say: ‘Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.’

Our Representative, Companion ROBERT FULTON, answered the roll-call of Grand Representatives.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion BERNARD G. WITT, delivered the annual address. In opening he said:

“The past year has been a strenuous one, marvelous achievements in all directions marking its progress. Foreign countries have been rent with wars, turmoil and political strife. Our own fair land has been blessed with peace, yet visited with devastating floods and frightful disaster, causing death and suffering, appalling in their magnitude, and, as ever, Masonry, quick to hear the cry of affliction, has done its share to alleviate suffering and help those in need, in most cases not waiting to be called upon for aid, but sending relief at the first signal of distress.

“Let each heart swell with gratitude to Him ‘who doeth all things well’ for His goodness and mercy, in having spared and permitted us to assemble here today to renew old friendships and form new ones. It is good to greet Companions who have grown gray in the service, and to welcome those who meet with us for the first time, upon whose shoulders must soon fall the burden now borne by those who have proved their faith by their good work in the ranks for many years.”

Companion J. HENRY LAPE, of Altoona, was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Nevada, near this Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest says:

“I made no visitations during the past year. I had hoped to do so at the beginning of my term of office, but my business cares rendered it impossible. My only official act was the installing of the officers of Reno Chapter No. 7 on January 2nd of this year.”

Neither did he make any decisions as

“No questions have come to my attention during the year, requiring any decision on my part.”

The report on Foreign Correspondence comes from the able pen of the genial Grand Secretary, M. E. Companion EDWARD D. VANDERLEITH.

He says:

“Our Royal Arch teaches us that at the outset of every search for truth we must put on the garb of the humble. This we do, and in visiting foreign parts, we shall look into manners and customs and observe in what particularity they excel. Our comments shall be written in love, and we shall carry home what we think may be helpful to our Companions of Nevada. If it fall to us to lead into paths they have not known and make darkness light before them we shall be fully compensated for our labors.”

Apropos of suspensions for n. p. d. we learn from the following that

“With us (Nevada) a member suspended for non-payment of dues reinstates himself by payment of what he owes, and he owes dues during suspension. We do not encourage members to defraud. A member who is suspended owing two years' dues, and is reinstated twenty years later upon payment of two years' dues, cheats the Chapter of twenty years' dues he obligated himself to pay, and also cheats the Chapter—of service we were about to say, but the service of such a member is not worth mentioning.”

In Pennsylvania, when a Companion is suspended n. p. d., dues do not run against the suspendee during the time of his suspension. And this fact enables many who vote for suspension to lay the “flattering

unction to their souls'' that they are doing a *charitable* act, in that the accumulation of debt is stopped and a happier future may enable the suspended one to return to the Chapter upon the payment of the arrears for which he was suspended.

A Past Grand High Priest of the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania once said:

''If a Brother or Companion will not pay his dues, there are but two reasons why: Either he cannot pay them, or he will not pay them. If he is so situated that he cannot pay, then his indebtedness should be remitted. If he can, but will not pay, after the proper notification, then he should be suspended.''

If a member values his membership he will make every effort to retain it. He deserves and should have the aid of his Companions to this end. If he does not value his membership he can be of no value to his Chapter, and his suspension could not work him any wrong.

Under Arkansas we clip the following gem:

''A true man does what it is his duty to do because it is right, and he who does the best he can has God with him and need not be solicitous of the opinion and censures of men.''

Re the ''traveling triangle'' we find, under Connecticut, the following:

''This may not seem a very cordial way to treat a visitor in a strange land, but what can be expected when nearly all the emblems of Lodge and Chapter have taken to traveling. Enthusiasm is good and great all right, and we should beware of losing it, for it enriches and beautifies life, but there is a becoming dignity associated with the sacred emblem of Masonry, and we fear it is becoming lost. The Square and Compass, the Trowel and the Bible are on the road—well, under the circumstances we shall give them

welcome. When the Beehive gets the notion though, we shall hie to the hills. We agree with the Committee just the same that Dispensations should be asked for and granted only in cases of the direst necessity."

Under District of Columbia and referring to one of the Round Table, he has this piquant paragraph:

"Companion Roe Fulkerson submits a report seasoned to taste. He's on to his job from the start. He hits up a fast gait and keeps it up to the finish."

Later we find the following on the "Shrine," meaning, without doubt, the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine:

"Right you are. Right freely in our own Lodge reports have we hurled a free lance for the Shrine. The higher degrees are all right. They teach most excellent lessons and only Masons need apply. Likewise many good Masons find much good in them. We condemn all this haste and hurry to climb into the higher degree wagons, but, Companions, that can be checked, where it should be checked—in the Blue Lodge and Chapter.

"Let all who condemn the Shrine remember that good cheer is no hindrance to a good life. Companion Fulkerson is right in bestowing a bit of the fuming and fretting on the 'don't belongs.' You know the old adage, 'We have all a propensity to grasp a forbidden fruit.' Too bad, in this cheery world of ours, that many read it. 'We have all a propensity to "rasp" a forbidden fruit.' Eh?"

Well! we are a shriner and see no reason against being a jiner. This isn't poetry. Still speaking of Companion FOSTER he says:

"He notes Companion Miles's predilection for poetry. Not a bad liking. It helps discover the good and beautiful in all around and about us. He says that Companion Gillson thinks the world wants things written in a light vein, and then asks him why he wrote so serious a review."

Under Illinois *re* friendship, he says, and we quote:

“Our Companion’s words show how noble and beautiful a thing friendship is for man. Plato, Aristotle, and Cicero made the realization of it the ideal for the State. The Christian ideal widened the conception of friendship and demanded less of self and more of service. Masonry, in the same way, makes friendship an ideal. Its worth is in what it leads to.”

He not only has his lance in rest for a joust against the foes of the “shrine,” but how about this for the ministers?

“Under Delaware, Companion Harrison criticises the giving of the degrees to God’s ministers without fee, and he fails to see any good reason for the practice.

“The Masons of today, Companion, owe a deep debt of gratitude to the Ministers of God of the early days of the Craft. That is one good reason. Another reason is that they are the Ministers of God whom Masons are taught to reverence and before whom all Masons devoutly bow when His name is reverently spoken. To our way of thinking the subject is the concern of the Lodge or Chapter, strictly so, and it should be left to the Lodge or Chapter to decide. What concerns us most now is the kind of ministers Delaware is blessed with, judging them by our Companion’s knowledge and experience. He says they are notable failures as workers among the Craft; that they are seldom seen at regular meetings and that they are generally among the foremost of the delinquents. Ministerial Masons of Delaware, have you any redeeming qualities? Speak up! In the wilds of the West our ministerial Craftsmen are Craftsmen in every sense of the word, and they are worked. We have seen them in the South and in the West, and occasionally in the East, but the best way to work a minister Mason is to make him say the opening and closing prayers at every Communication, to see that he assists at every funeral, and be particular to have him say a few kind words over every dead Brother that isn’t particularly deserving of them. Yes, he must see that we have a choir drilled and ready to appropriately sing the loved hymns on funeral occasions, and be sure and send him to console the widow. That’s a hard task—and, well, it’s his business. When a Companion is bowed down with troubles and needs comfort and cheer, send him to the Brother of the cloth. He’s good in that line, and the rest of us have business worries of our own. Be sure that he attends Grand Lodge, for a Chaplain we must have to lend grace to the occasion, and let him pay his own expenses, too. Occasionally let him be Grand Orator when no one else wants it. Of course, you must let him sit up with a sick Brother, when it’s an all-night job. He can sleep next day, for he has nothing else to do. Don’t ever overlook a St. John’s Day sermon or address,

and you want to send your boys to his Bible Class, for when they grow up and are made Masons, they must have a little knowledge of the Bible. We say this in all due respect, for we have been Secretary for seventeen years and have learned the ways the ministers should be made to go.

“No, Companion, no delinquent ministers as yet, even if their salaries average less than a hundred dollars in the West. How much in the East? Oh, not as low as that! Well, ministers are ministers. They don't need either love or consideration. Their reward is sure in Heaven.”

Now if you want to be a real good Mason, take the following advice:

“An earnest Mason will strive to learn how to use the whole of his Masonry. We know of no better means than a thoughtful reading of the Correspondence reports. Their pages will give the needed contact with different minds of different Jurisdictions. An enthusiasm will be enkindled. The Companion's sympathy will be broadened, a higher regard for his duty will follow, and, with a growing reverence for God and fellowman, his Masonry will be sharpened, and he will learn to apply it to all practical purposes. Try it.”

Companion VANDERLEITH thought enough of the remarks of our Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, to quote in part what he had to say on the occasion of his visit to the Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts. We quote:

“At the June Quarterly the Grand High Priests from Rhode Island and Pennsylvania with their suites were presented and given a cordial welcome.

“M. E. Grand High Priest Smith, of Pennsylvania, in replying truly said:

“ ‘If we fulfil the highest mission in life, live up to that high standard for which we have been placed in this world, we will take as our guiding star for life that book, the foundation of the belief and teaching of all Masonry, and familiarize ourselves with the truths therein contained, in order that we may know the standard at which we should arrive, and then put forth our best efforts to reach it.

“ ‘My Companions, unless we constantly have our minds not only upon the ritualistic forms of our work but upon the truths taught by Ritual, we are failing to receive the most important part of this great work in which we are engaged.

“ ‘Let us therefore always strive in this life to perform every duty well, and so conduct ourselves in both public and private life that when our course is run and we appear before the Grand Architect of the Universe we may be adjudged, approved, and be awarded “a white stone, and in the stone a new name written which no man knoweth saying he that receiveth it”.’ ”

Under Nova Scotia and *re* the report on Correspondence, he says:

“The report is a mingled mass from the pens of three ready writers, Companions W. Marshall Black, S. J. Waddell, Edgar H. Clements and Thos. Van B. Bingay. The latter wrote but one review, California, and then was compelled to go abroad owing to ill health. Nevada fell to the lot of Companion Black, and receives very courteous treatment.”

Some “mingled masses” make pretty good eating—a Brown Betty or Plum Pudding—for instance.

Pennsylvania is generously reviewed and liberal quotations are made from visitor M. E. Grand High Priest Companion CHARLES DANA BURRAGE, of Massachusetts, and our own Grand High Priest at that time, M. E. Companion A. G. CRISWELL SMITH.

Evidently our report on Correspondence was neither a “mingled mass” nor a “mess” in his eyes, for he says of it:

“A Committee of five talented Brethren submit the report, a successful one. We tried it in Nevada one year and it was anything but a success. Perhaps due to lack of talent. Companion Stockton Bates writes the opening and conclusion.”

And then he does us the honor to quote our concluding effort to excite the risibles. We believe in good, honest, clean and hearty laughter. We enjoy sprightliness (in its place) and bless you! Companion VANDERLEITH is full of it, and we thank him for helping us over the hot sands of many arid deserts.

Under Utah he says:

“Getting acquainted is a first step in getting ready. Good feeling will be found a reservoir of power when the opportunities for work arise. Preparation is but organizing a sufficient force at the outset to meet the emergencies of the future.”

And speaking of the report on Correspondence he says:

“Twelve Grand Chapters are reviewed. The meat is taken from every volume of proceedings and attractively set before the reading Companions in the new Grand Chapter. May they be many, and increase as the years roll by. We regret that the author has hidden his identity, and are sorry that Nevada’s volume is not among the reviewed.”

We find on referring to the published proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Utah, page 35, that ARVIS S. CHAPMAN, of Salt Lake City, was Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. We think ARVIS was the man.

How is this under Virginia?

“He recommends that Subordinate Chapters should make their requests through their own Grand High Priest when desiring information of other Grand Jurisdictions. Common courtesy may demand such a course, but as a thief of time it has procrastination skinned to death.”

Here we are at Wyoming and the end with nothing to note or quote, except the following, taken from his conclusion. He says also:

“We have reached the end. The course is finished. As a member of the Committee on Correspondence we have kept the faith and given you an insight into the world’s Grand Chapters.

“Peace and prosperity are in evidence everywhere. Where such a condition prevails new news is scarce, but by it we are made to feel and know that everywhere the light of Masonry floods the land, and the world is being made better thereby.”

CHARLES J. RULISON, M. E. Grand High Priest.

EDWARD D. VANDERLEITH, R. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.

NEVADA.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons commenced its Forty-first Annual Grand Convocation in the Masonic Temple in Reno, on Monday, the eighth day of June, A. I. 2444, at twelve o'clock M.

The following remarkable and admirable prayer was offered by E. Rev. SAMUEL UNSWORTH, Grand Chaplain:

“O God, Thou art the Father of the lights. Thou hast hung Thy lamps of light innumerable in the great world without us—the sun to rule the day and the moon and stars to govern the night. Thou hast also hung Thy more splendid lamps of light in the little world of Man-Soul. Thou hast given us the lamp of thought and reason whereby we find Thy footsteps everywhere and ‘think Thy thoughts after Thee.’ Thou hast put within us the light of conscience, the echo-chamber in our souls of Thy awful voice, speaking there the ‘ought’ and ‘must’ of duty. Finally, Thou hast shed abroad in our hearts the blessed light and warmth of love that draws us to Thy feet with our adoring ‘Abba, Father,’ and makes us brothers of our fellow-men. Blessed be Thy holy name, O Lord, our God, our Guide, our Great Companion, Comforter and Friend! Make us less unworthy of Thy unspeakable gifts; more really Thy sons; more sincerely brothers to every man, that to Thee, the Father of every man, may be glory. Amen.”

Among the Grand Representatives responding to Roll Call, was Companion ROBERT FULTON, Representative of this Grand Chapter, near the Grand Chapter of Nevada.

Past Grand High Priest HENRY W. MILES, from the Grand Chapter of Arizona, responded to the address of welcome. We quote from it as follows:

“On behalf of my Brother Grand Representatives, I thank you for the cordial welcome extended us. In theory, at least, we represent the Capitular World here. We are the heralds of Amity; the Ambassadors of Concord.

We do not come, as did the barbaric Queen to the Wise King, to prove you with hard questions, nor do we bear gifts of spices and precious stones.

“The gift we now lay upon your altar is the assurance that we are fellow laborers in the vineyard; co-workers in the cause of Royal Arch Masonry.

“In an Age of Doubt Royal Arch Masonry preaches the simple gospel of Faith. Every bush, ablaze with God, brings to the Royal Arch Mason the message:

“‘Are not these, O Soul, the vision of Him who reigns?’”

It has been said:

“‘Tho doubt bite to the heart, and sear to the brain, I will yet believe.’ But of what avail is belief unless translated into terms of action? The repetition of creed may be but a Shibboleth; the adherence to the formulas of the Church may be but a label, useful, perhaps, in the process of separating the sheep from the goats, but something more is needed to fully develop the ethical side of man. In the study of rights of men, the Royal Arch Mason should find a field broad enough for high endeavor.”

The M. E. Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion CHARLES J. RULISON, delivered the annual address.

He says, in opening, after greeting the Companions:

“Harmony prevails throughout our own Jurisdiction and we are in full accord with all sister grand bodies of Royal Arch Masons wheresoever they may exist.

“What a blessed privilege it is to be able to meet here today in this Sacred Sanctuary, and for the time being to lay aside the turmoil and strife incident to life, even to banish from our minds the threatening aspect of war, prevailing throughout our country, and here at this time be enabled to renew the friendship of former years and make new friends who will take the places of those who are absent today and of those who have entered ‘into the silent land.’”

Later he says:

“The past year has not been a particularly prosperous one, although we have many things to be thankful for considering conditions as they exist in some localities of our State. Our total membership shows a loss of five for the year; this is due in a measure to some of the Chapters adhering

more closely to the law regarding suspensions. One Chapter at a recent Convocation suspending fourteen of its members for non-payment of dues. This cannot be considered a total loss, as these members will reinstate themselves shortly and will be credited to the coming year's work. Our finances show a gain, receipts for the year being \$764.50. All our Subordinate Chapters are, in the main, strong financially.''

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of \$864.36, after receipts of \$764.50 and disbursements of \$656.88.

The Grand Secretary, R. E. Companion EDWARD D. VANDERLEITH, reports receiving nine out of ten Returns from Subordinate Chapters and submits an abstract of Returns, showing ten Chapters with a membership of 484. Little, but oh my!

Companion VANDERLEITH also furnishes the admirable report on Foreign Correspondence—but, why Foreign?

In his usual breezy style he starts:

“Off again for the sixth annual journey among the Royal Craft of the world. Travel comes from the old French word ‘travail,’ which means toil. So to travel very properly means to labor, and while our travels among the harvest fields of Capitular endeavor will take us along paths of peace, and our sojournings with the possessors of that white stone, on which is written a new name which no man knoweth save he that hath received it, will bring to us associations with new Companions both pleasant and agreeable, nevertheless the way of your reporter on Foreign Correspondence is one of labor.

“‘As everything of price, so this doth require travail.’

“In our journeyings may we be directed by the wisdom of the Supreme High Priest, by His strength may we be enabled, and by the beauty of virtue may we be incited to perform the manifold duties which our Grand Chapter hath here enjoined upon us. So mote it be.’”

And then, under Alabama, we find the following:

“Nothing succeeds like success, and nothing in Masonry brings success like study. We Masons know that knowledge lies at our very feet. It is no more a fountain sealed. We know, too, that as Craftsmen we are blamed for a lack of knowledge of the Fraternity to which we belong. The trouble, Companions, is that we make a sudden dash at the outset and then sort of loll around admiring the beauties of the Ritual. We lack the element of holding on. As seekers of truth we should keep everlastingly at it. It is only by continued efforts that the truth-teaching gems of Masonry reveal their deep-seated qualities. Paraphrasing Shakespeare in ‘Love’s Labour Lost’.”

Then, under Canada:

“The news from the reports of the Grand Superintendents are cheering. Prosperity dwells within the District’s walls and halls, and everything points to continued growth and usefulness. And usefulness, Companions, is what counts. Masonry teaches us that life and work are connected by mutual relationship. A state of idleness is not thought of in Masonry. The great truth that labor is worship is a fundamental. Necessity bids man to work for a living. Masonry assents, but issues a further command, that Masons should bless the earth by loving to work. Love enters into such work and selfishness is retired. Its loving ministry requires us to live out of self and lovingly give our work for others. We proclaim our faith in God and pledge Him service. Companions, the noblest service to God is giving our truest service for fellowman.”

Connecticut furnishes us the joust for the ministers:

“Under South Carolina Companion Kies says he has high respect for the clergy, but can find no good reason for favoring them with free degrees. The question of free degrees is for the Chapter or Lodge. It is purely a question of private affairs, but, Companion, we have never seen a clergyman in Chapter or Lodge that was not made free use of for the good of the Craft. If his services were paid for, the sum would stand far in excess of the cost of degrees and dues. Pay him for services demanded? True, but the trouble is we don’t. Willing horses find willing riders. Why should we have a clerical Craftsman hunt up our needy and distressed and relieve and comfort them for us? Why use him to speak kind words over our dead? Why send him to the bedside of the dying to kneel in prayer? Why confine

him to the office of Chaplain or Grand Chaplain to bless us with prayer as we come and go? He surely could fill other stations acceptably. Why resort to our clergy for orations at annual meetings? In short, why shirk off on the cloth every duty we possibly can to relieve ourselves? Not alone as the Ministers of God and defenders of the Bible, nor as a mark of respect to 'the Cloth' do we claim exemption for our clerical Craftsmen. No, but we do think they earn it for services exacted without due compensation."

In another vein we find the following under Delaware:

"Right you are, Companion. The past points the road and gives us courage. We turn to the wood-carving and the iron-work of the old Florentine and Venetian palaces, to the rugs of Persia, to the tapestries of France, to the lacquer and cloisonne of old Japan, yes, to every country for some art or craft peculiarly its own, for inspiration for today. So, too, great lives lived inspire us. From them we take on new beauty, richness and luster, and approach nearer to God and the life sublime He would have us attain. In striving, Companions, let us carry with us the thought that we only stand as near God as we deserve. Then to work!"

Under Illinois he says:

"Nevada gets a good bit of attention. Grand High Priest Miles's address is courteously reviewed. He thinks our recommendation that the nearest practical traveled route shall govern the jurisdiction of Subordinate Chapters, a step in the right direction."

And we agree, although "as the crow flies" is our method.

This under Maine has food for thought in its sentences:

"It reads well, and presages more than busy men,—wage-earners, many, and bread-winners, all—are in Convocation assembled to transact the business of a great institution. Masonry sprang from the workers. As long as Masonry is engineered by the world's laborers its safety, purpose and progress are assured. Through the warp and the woof of Masonry runs the law of labor, and no law yields a greater benediction. The idle, the shirker, the indolent, never sent anything to the front. Work, Companions, work for others, and now is the time. Masonry needs the workers and asks of them steady, prudent effort."

We agree with him also that

“This one decision is interesting:

“ ‘A member of an English Lodge of Mark Masters having resided for one year in this State, has a right to apply for the remaining degrees of the Chapter, filing his demit from the English Lodge with his application; and if accepted, to receive the degrees of Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason, paying therefor the fees prescribed by the By-laws of the Chapter for those degrees, and become a member.’ ”

We like the following under Nebraska:

“Self-examination is well worth while. It may shake up some of our ideals, but if it does, they need it. Introspection and a shaking up will do them good. Ideals in Masonry are but light. They are like unto a torch passing from hand to hand. Shaking a torch causes it to burn brighter. So a shaking up may brighten the fires on our altars of Masonry and better enable us to be a light to our fellowman; enkindle a generous ardor to stand by our brother. If he is in danger, to warn him; if he is in need, to assist him; if he is oppressed, to cheer him; if he is ahungered, to feed him; if he is naked, to clothe him. Our ideals are permanent. Self-examination and a shaking up will but sink the ideals of self in the ideal of duty.”

Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed. Of our late Grand High Priest's address he says, quoting M. E. Companion GEORGE B. WELLS:

“In opening he stated that were he required to sum up in short phrase the whole duty of a Grand High Priest he would say, ‘to lead the Craftsmen Heavenward.’

“To stand for God, for Truth, and to express them in one's walk through life and to help our Companions along the way to a like expression. That's enlarging your phrase, Companion Wells? A leader to lead must be a living example of all that he asks of his Companions. In other words, a Grand Master or a Grand High Priest should be a practical Mason. He should serve his God and his fellowmen with gladness, teaching fidelity, truthfulness and honor in the business of daily life, practicing kindness and benevolence with reverence to the Author of All Good, and relieving distress and comforting the afflicted wheresoever found.

“The Grand High Priest was an excellent visitor, and encouragement and instruction were the watchwords of his visitations. A more sweet

encouragement is what workers largely need. There is so little of it in the world, notwithstanding the fact that nothing incites to greater speed in all work than encouragement.’’

He calls our report on Correspondence a “Medley,” but to do him justice he says it in this way:

“Companions Wm. B. Meredith, Stockton Bates, Jno. M. Core and W. T. Taggart are the builders of the report. It is about as good as a *medley* well can be.

“For years in our Blue Lodge reports we have hammered the indiscriminate issuing of Dispensations. Companion Meredith takes a hand in his opening remarks. There is no truer adage than, ‘Haste makes waste,’ and every Dispensation issued to hasten a Brother or Companion to the higher degrees is a blot on Masonry’s fair name. Such Dispensations are ‘making a monkey’ of Landmarks and Constitutions, as the slang runs in these rushing, riotous days. The practice has been condemned on all sides, and should cease.’’ (The italics are ours.)

Under Rhode Island he says, speaking of the Grand High Priest:

“His one decision was a ruling that the petition of a Master Mason who had lost his left arm (between the elbow and the shoulder) (?) could be received. He took nearly two pages to give his reply to the question, when the word ‘yes’ would have answered every purpose.’’

Re the question of dues, we find the following under Wyoming:

“Companions, what think you of the man who enters Masonry knowing that dues for its uplift were to be exacted, who, at its very threshold, promised to conform to the established usages and customs of the Fraternity, and then is suspended from Masonry owing three or four years’ dues to his Lodge? Speaking plainly, is he not a piker? He never truly learned the lesson of the Square, did he? If a square man and Mason, would he not settle his debts to the organization up to date, and then withdraw from the institution that is not giving him value received for his money? We know that some Jurisdictions do not have a withdrawal law. They should have, and give a Mason a chance to get out like a white man.’’

In conclusion he says:

“Placing the cope-stone in its destined position is significant of the fulfillment of the builder’s task. The completion of the work is celebrated, flags are hoisted on the top of the edifice, tools are laid aside, and the day is given over to rejoicing and thanksgiving. So we, of the writer’s Guild, have reached the top post and finished our labors for the year. Our quill is cast aside. Our Companionable association with the reviewers at the Round Table is ended, and we bid them good-bye, and may the months bring blessings in their train, until we meet again. We have reached home, and now, for a time, rest and refreshment succeed labor.”

We have found Companion VANDERLEITH’S report a very meaty and readable one; calculated to stimulate thought in the reader—which is our excuse for quoting so liberally. We marked much more for quotation, but found our space and time limited.

WALTER E. PRATT, M. E. Grand High Priest.

EDWARD D. VANDERLEITH, M. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick, assembled in Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation at Freemasons’ Hall, in the city of Saint John, on Wednesday, the twenty-seventh day of August, 1913, at eleven o’clock A. M.

The address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion ROBERT MURRAY, was read by the Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest. Its opening words explain why:

“It is with feelings of the most profound regret that I shall not have the enjoyable privilege of being personally present to welcome you to the approaching Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick, owing to the fact that I am taking advantage of an opportunity of paying a visit to Western Canada necessitating my absence from the Province for some six or eight weeks after July 26th.”

The entire book of proceedings is contained in about sixteen pages, with no report on Correspondence, hence there is but little to glean from.

HERBERT E. GOOLD, M. E. Grand High Priest.

J. TWINING HARTT, R. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Ninety-fourth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Hampshire was held in Freemasons' Hall, in the city of Concord, on Tuesday, May 20, A. D. 1913, A. I. 2443.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion FRANK R. MARSTON, in his annual address informs us that:

“Another year has gone into the past and we are again assembled with a spirit of unity and gladness in our hearts for the prosperity that has seemed to smile upon Capitular Masonry throughout our land. For, although our membership may not have increased as in past years, yet we think we can truly say that our Order has maintained the high standard upon which it was placed by those worthy Companions who have gone before, and whose memory we revere. Today we are not unmindful that to Him who rules this universe we are indebted for all that is peaceful and harmonious in our beloved institution. And although our country has passed through a great political struggle, for the selection of a ruler of our

great nation, during which time many of us may have differed in our opinions, yet we meet here today united in a great brotherhood, each on a level with the other—each vying with the other in his fealty to the principles of Freemasonry, by which he is taught cheerfully to obey the laws, and, as a citizen, to defend the free institutions of our beloved country.

“Companions, while these thoughts fill our hearts with joy, yet we must not forget that we are here to render an account of our stewardship during the past year to those who placed their trust in us, and which, let us hope, will meet with their approval and commendation. While these thoughts fill our minds, we must not be unmindful that death has been among us and many of our faithful Companions have passed to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no one returns.”

There is a note of reverence in this and a sense of responsibility, together with an humble dependence upon the love and mercies of the Most High that led us to quote.

Of the Masonic Home at Manchester he says:

“No nobler or more worthy deed can be done by our Order than to care for and prepare this beautiful home for our unfortunate Brothers as they pass down the western declivity. It is a godly act of our noble Order. I trust that the Board of Trustees, who have charge of the institution, will receive the thanks of this Grand Body for the work they are doing.”

Companion JOSIAH L. SEWARD furnishes the report on Foreign Correspondence. He says in opening:

“Under many difficulties, we performed our task. A lame arm put a stop to all operations during the winter. It was obstinately slow in healing, and has not only greatly delayed our preparation of this paper, but has consequently delayed our prompt Grand Secretary from issuing this volume in better season, and has, of course, delayed our readers in the perusal. We are profoundly grateful that the malady has at last been conquered, and that we have been able, though at the eleventh hour, to complete our report.

“In taking a fresh survey of the Capitular field, we are delighted to note many agreeable changes. There seems to be progress everywhere. The proceedings of the various Jurisdictions are continually improving in appearance and quality. Especially is this true with respect to the preparation of statistical tables and historical matter.

“Louisiana took the lead in giving tables showing the origin and historical changes of the Chapters of the Jurisdiction. Other Jurisdictions have done something of the kind. In many of the volumes of proceedings we find admirable rosters of officers and members of all the Chapters. Most of these volumes are well indexed. More attention has been paid, of late, to the quality of paper and the clearness of type. Many Jurisdictions display exquisite taste in the covers and mechanical character of the booklets.

“We are glad to note so much interest everywhere in the development of the beauties and excellencies of the ceremonial work, which our Rituals render possible, without in the least departing from any recognized Landmarks.”

As to the proper or improper use of Chapter funds he says, under Alabama and anent TITCOMB’S review of California:

“And in his views upon the right of a Chapter or Lodge to dispose of its own surplus funds as it sees fit, provided always it be for no immoral or improper purpose. Just here men might differ. Although it is far from likely that any serious difference of opinion would be likely to occur with reference to such matters, yet it is quite conceivable that good Companions of the same Chapter might differ quite widely with respect to the degree of merit involved in the nature of certain functions for which the funds of a Chapter might be desired. For example, should the funds of a Lodge or Chapter be used in paying for wines and cordials at a banquet? Should the funds be used for gifts of any kind, not of a strictly charitable nature? Should they be used in providing amusements and entertainments for the edification of the Companions, including, perhaps, their families and other friends? We can readily conceive that opinions would differ very much with respect to many of these questions. While the use of wines would be vehemently opposed (and properly as it seems to us) by many, it cannot be denied that many would defend their use as moral. Such amusements and entertainments as a Chapter would provide would doubtless be of a good moral character, but many would insist that the funds could be devoted to a better use. Thus, while it seems right, in the abstract, that a body should have the right ‘to do what it will with its own,’ yet it seems a safe precaution that the Grand Chapter should lay down specific rules upon the subject, which would undoubtedly be of a high standard with respect to morals and propriety, and might serve as a restraining influence if any particular Chapter or Lodge should be inclined to act foolishly in such matters.”

In the good old days, as we read Masonic history, every member paid his own charge at the entertainment following the Lodge meeting. Prior to this time, however, *vide* DR. OLIVER, "a long table, and sometimes two were extended in parallel lines from the pedestal to the place where the Wardens sat, on which appeared not only the emblems of Masonry, but also materials for refreshment;—for in those days every section of the lecture had its peculiar toast or sentiment;—and at its conclusion the Lodge was called from labor to refreshment by certain ceremonies, and a toast, technically called 'the charge', was drunk in a bumper, with the honors, and not infrequently accompanied by an appropriate song. After which the Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, and another section was delivered with the like result."

Of the Order of High Priesthood, which is an unknown degree, or rather a degree not known to Pennsylvania Capitular Masonry, except in so far as every elected High Priest of a Chapter must receive the Order of High Priesthood at the time of his installation as High Priest of his Chapter, he says, under Delaware:

"We have a very high regard for the Order of High Priesthood and enjoy its inspiring and devout ceremonial. We believe that it would be for the edification and advantage of all those entitled to its benefits to pass through its solemn ceremonies. The General Grand Chapter of the United States does not hold that it is essential for High Priests to receive the Order in order to be eligible as presiding officers of a Chapter. The functions of the General Grand Chapter are advisory rather than mandatory, except so far as Grand Chapters voluntarily accept its sway, but, from

the high character of the *personnel* of that august body, its declarations are to be received with great respect. The Order of High Priesthood, although a delightful degree, is really a by-product of the Capitular system. It is not very ancient, as compared with other parts of the Masonic system. Mackey, in his 'Book of the Chapter,' observes: 'No allusion to it can be found in any ritual works out of America, nor even here anterior to about the end of the last and beginning of this century. Webb is the first who mentions it, and gives it a place in the series of Capitular Degrees. It is probable that it was established by Webb, at the same time that he gave that form to the Prestonian lectures and ceremonies of the inferior degrees which have since so universally obtained in this country.' While it is desirable that a High Priest should understand all that pertains, even remotely, to the interests of the body over which he presides, it appears to us rather too sweeping an assertion that all High Priests should be 'compelled' to take what in reality is a 'side degree,' although High Priests alone are eligible to receive it.'

On the vexed question of making a Mason at sight, we clip this under Illinois:

"But the question has been asked, since the making of a Mason at sight of a very distinguished citizen, whether any Grand Lodge can legally do such a thing. That depends upon the powers which the Grand Lodge of any particular Jurisdiction happens to possess. No Grand Lodge in America is subject to the direction of any other Grand Lodge. There is no doubt in our mind that Lodges, in creating a Grand Lodge, could confer such a power upon such a Grand Body. Whether they ever have done so in any particular case in another matter. We should not think that a Grand Lodge could do such a thing without the Constitution of that body authorized it. We know of nothing, in the nature of things, which would make it impossible that a Grand Lodge might have a Constitution that would authorize such a procedure."

This is a sane and sensible treatment of the question. Here in Pennsylvania, for instance, the Ahiman Rezon gives among the powers and duties of the Grand Master "To cause Masons to be made in his presence at any time and at any place, a Lodge being opened by him for that purpose." And the Constitution of Grand Chapter gives the Grand High Priest

the power "To confer, or cause to be conferred in his presence, in any Chapter, the degrees of Capitular Masonry."

Under Kansas he says:

"It is surprising how eager certain Masons are for the honors of an office and how little many are willing to do after the honor has been bestowed upon them. There are men in all Districts who could, and probably would, do good work and fill any station with credit to themselves and the institution which they represent. They are usually the persons who are not seeking office. Like political positions, Masonic offices are keenly sought by hordes of men who are not qualified to fill them. Sometimes the competent men are unwilling to take the time and to be at the trouble of performing such duties. In every good cause, however, it becomes incumbent upon men of honor and character to make certain sacrifices to support and maintain principles and institutions. Men who can do this should not refuse continually to do so. If they do, the 'willing workers,' who are most likely the incompetent workers, will 'run' matters in their own way and often 'into the ground'."

And this leads us to ask why! oh! why! do so many want to be Stewards? MACKEY on the subject of "Table Lodges", says "Table Lodges are always held in the Apprentice's Degree, and none but Masons are permitted to be present. Even the *attendants* are *taken from the class known as 'Serving Brethren'*, that is to say, *waiters* who have received the first degree for the special purpose of entitling them to be present on such occasions."

"Ich dien" seems to be the motto of so vast a number of the members that again we ask why?

We like this, under Louisiana:

"He regretted that so many did not take the interest which they should take in visiting their own Chapters. We regret to say that this lack of zeal

is virtually universal. It is doubtless a fact that there is such a thing as 'too much Masonry'. There are so many different orders, and so many degrees in these orders that we cannot wonder that the Brethren tire of the meetings, as they are usually conducted. It is probable that a certain amount of condensation and amalgamation would be greatly to the advantage of the institution as a whole.

"On the other hand, if each one of the degrees should be so conferred as to present it at its best, with the greatest care to bring out properly every detail in the most pleasing manner, the variety thus developed would relieve the ordinary tedium and create a sufficient amount of interest to insure a good attendance. The trouble is that the Companions can, only with the greatest difficulty, be persuaded to learn the parts and rehearse sufficiently often, and with sufficient care and thoroughness, to insure such results."

And here under Michigan we have the antidote:

"Show without substance is not to be commended. At the same time, the moral and intellectual effects of a Ritual are often heightened, and justly so, by elegant floor effects, or what might, in a general way, be called the 'stage settings'. These effects should never be contrived solely for spectacular purposes. There are moral lessons of the deepest significance which are conveyed by some of them. This is especially true in the Most Excellent Master Degree. The beauties of the Ancient Temple and its Sanctuary; the intimate relation between the life of man and the ever-present influence of the Deity; and the inspiration evoked by the presence of a multitude in a splendid religious service, like that of the dedication of the magnificent Temple of Solomon, are all calculated to awaken feeling of admiration for all that is true, beautiful and good in religion. When the Most Excellent Master Degree is so worked as to develop these possibilities, it becomes one of the sublimest pieces of work in the whole Masonic series, and, where it is so worked, as it is now in very many American cities, it is justly esteemed as one of our most valuable Masonic lessons."

We have found this whole report a very nourishing one, and on going over it we find we have marked many passages for quotation and comment that we have not been able to use for want of space. But we must quote from his conclusion:

"Freemasonry is a fruitful source of suggestions. Its antiquity carries us back to the customs, thoughts and prejudices of the remote past. In

some cases it is open to discussion how we are to interpret some of the Landmarks; whether we shall too literally adopt the letter that kills or the spirit that gives life. The former course, pushed to an extreme, might easily lead to a mechanical Masonry, so unyielding, impractical and unreasonable as to be of no real use or benefit to anybody. The latter course, which takes the true and genuine spirit of Freemasonry, and seeks to give it an ample opportunity to blossom and bear fruit in earnest, helpful and manly men, appears to us to be the interpretation which the younger generation of Masons are seeking to place upon the institution. In the matter of physical qualifications, yea, in the matter of moral qualifications, the indications are numerous all along the lines that wholesome and sensible ideas pervade the minds of the leaders in Masonry.

“The reviewers are doing much to agitate these great questions. The defects in Masonic procedures are gradually eliminated, and every year finds the institution stronger numerically and morally.”

ELMER DANIEL GOODWIN, M. E. Grand High Priest.

HARRY MORRISON CHENEY, R. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Ninety-fifth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Hampshire was held in Freemasons' Hall, in the city of Concord, on Tuesday, May, 19, A. D. 1914, A. I. 2444.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion ELMER D. GOODWIN, delivered the annual address. His opening words are out of the ordinary and are worthy of quotation:

“I have the honor of presenting for your consideration the Ninety-fourth Annual Report of the Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch

Chapter of the State of New Hampshire. Therein little will be found which will distinguish it from its predecessors, and much that is in common. Perhaps the most common feature, because we do not seem to evade it, is 'the old, old fashion, Death'. During the year past, nine of our number have gone the way of all the earth; for them we have no regret—for we never mourn when a good man is promoted."

Further on he says:

"I have had no occasion to make decisions, every question arising having been provided for either by our Grand Chapter Regulations or the Regulations of the General Grand Chapter."

And in conclusion he says:

"The past year has produced nothing particularly new within our border relating to Capitular Masonry. Our growth has been neither unnatural nor abnormal, although our net gain is one hundred and three this year, against twenty for the year preceding. Great numbers have not knocked at our doors for admission. This, we believe, is well. The oak is of slow growth, but warmed by the sun, moistened by the rain, and rocked by the breeze, it withstands the blasts of centuries."

Companion J. L. SEWARD furnishes the report on Foreign Correspondence. From his foreword we clip the following:

"As before, many Grand High Priests are giving serious attention to such reforms as shall eliminate from their Jurisdictions all undue haste in proposing and balloting for applicants, all lack of decorum in the ceremonies, and all inefficiency on the part of officers.

"As before, there has been a gratifying increase in the number of those added to our ranks. They represent, on the whole, the best that there is in our American life, and the precepts of Masonry cannot but add to their efficiency as citizens, and add to the moral forces that are working for the purification and betterment of the political life of our country."

Under California we find the following anent Jewel presentations:

"In reviewing Maine, he expresses approval of certain thoughts which he quoted which tended to deprecate the custom of conferring jewels upon

retiring officers of Chapters and Grand Chapters. It is easy to abuse this custom. It sometimes happens that the jewels, or other gifts, presented are somewhat extravagant in price and pattern. In such cases, it would usually be true that the body presenting such offerings could well afford to do so. It is perfectly true, as the writer whom he quoted said, that the holding of such high offices is an honor of itself, an honor which is really its own reward, irrespective of any visible token. At the same time there are many officers who have devoted many years of unremitting labor and anxiety in behalf of the body over which they have presided, and which they have served acceptably. While the golden jewel can add nothing to the worth of the recipient and nothing to the esteem in which such a faithful servant is sure to be held, yet there are those who love to express their gratitude in a visible form. We are too likely to keep silence where we should extend thanks and make known our appreciation of valuable services. It is all too true that the custom may lose something of its value simply because it is a custom, and because it might, now and then, happen that the recipient was hardly worthy so great a distinction. All good customs are likely to be abused at times. On public occasions past officers are so likely to be decorated with badges that one who is entitled to such an honor, but has never received it, feels a little out of place. While we are free to recognize the possible abuses of the custom, we believe that it does more good than harm, as a rule."

Under Delaware we clip with our hearty approval the following:

"We observe that our Excellent Companion, in his address, falls into the custom so prevalent among the writers of such addresses, in speaking of death as 'the grim reaper'. This is a most unfortunate expression. Death is one of the laws of nature, ordained by the Deity himself. There is nothing wrong about it. The causes sometimes result from human wickedness, but the principle is nothing to be condemned. It usually brings sadness, but not always. Yesterday, we witnessed the death of a lad of seventeen. He was a victim of tuberculosis. The malady was sad; the parting was sad; and the passing of a boy so young was sad; but the release from intense suffering was a blessing, and the bright Christian faith of the young man was a beautiful lesson. We are aware how common the expression which we quoted has become, and we know full well that the author of the address has just as cheerful views upon such subjects as anybody in the world. It is the prevalent use of that expression, and not the writer of the address, that we are considering."

Under Kentucky we find the following:

“The observations of the Grand High Priest, on page 25, about the distinction between ‘honorary’ and ‘honorable’ are very correct. Honorable is the right word, and for the reasons stated. The Degree of Mark Master is not an *honorarium*, but a degree of distinctive worth, which it is an honor to receive, hence an ‘honorable’ degree.”

The entire history of the degree controverts this. *Vide* MACKEY, “The Mark Master’s Degree in the American system is called the ‘Honorary Degree of Mark Master’, because it is traditionally supposed to have been conferred in the Temple upon a portion of the Fellow Crafts as a mark of honor and of trust. The degrees of Past Master and of High Priesthood are also styled honorary, because each is conferred as an *honorarium* or reward attendant upon certain offices.”

Why pick out the Mark to call it honorable? Surely, they are all honorable degrees. The title Honorary, as applied to the Mark Degree, is as old as the degree itself, and for the reason stated by MACKEY.

Under Michigan we find a gold nugget—here it is:

“The Grand High Priest, in the introduction to his annual address, spoke of the revelation of secrets that had lain buried four hundred and seventy years, immediately adding that much of the fascination of Masonry is due to the antiquity of it. Its actual historical origin is indeed very ancient, but we hope our worthy Companion is mindful of the difference between the drama of our ceremonies and the actual facts. The historical incidents commemorated in our ceremonials are partly based upon facts and are partly the work of the imagination. It must not, for a moment, be supposed that the allegation that Freemasonry originated in Jerusalem and grew out of incidents connected with the Temple of Solomon can bear

the light of sound, scientific investigation. The careful reading of the history of Freemasonry, as developed in the four-volume work of Robert Freke Gould, about the only work upon Freemasonry, out of thousands which have been written, which displays anything like a critical spirit, puts to rest the false Jerusalem origin of Freemasonry, but we cannot here take the space to discuss the real source of the institution. Its inception was probably in the old trade unions of Rome, or *collegai fabrorum*, members of which always followed the Roman armies and were found in all the Roman colonies, in Britain and elsewhere. The Saxons called them 'Masons', and, in the work to which we have referred, there are authentic notices of them, down to the time when Grand Bodies were formed and the Fraternities gradually became speculative rather than operative. We are led to make these observations because so many who have noted the harmony between certain passages in our Rituals and statements in the Bible have jumped to the conclusion that all parts of the Rituals, in like manner, were based upon events that happened. Capitular Masonry had no existence previous to the eighteenth century.''

We like this under Vermont, *re* "objection":

"A candidate had received three of the Chapter degrees, when somebody went to the High Priest with objections to his exaltation. The Grand High Priest answered that 'in the absence of definite and expressed grounds for objection, the candidate was entitled to proceed'. Although we are utterly unacquainted with the circumstances, we cannot help rejoicing at this answer. We have known so many objections preferred to presiding officers out of mere spite and hatred that we have come to look with contempt upon all such objection. If a Brother be really unworthy, he ought not, of course, to be advanced, but, in all such cases, the proper and honorable thing to do is to come forward like a man and formally prefer regular charges, and give the accused Brother an opportunity to defend himself. It would very likely happen in nine cases out of ten that a Brother who had reached the sixth degree without objection would be a man who could defend himself against any charge that could be made. A man cannot be a very bad man if his badness be known to only one person. We may well suspect that that one person bears in his heart some grudge or malice against the Brother to whom he objects.'"

From his conclusion we clip the following, which summarizes the work of the reviewers:

"The great work, however, which the reviewers accomplish is to call attention afresh to the live issues of the hour. To discuss these intelligently

calls for approval or dissent, as the case may be, from other reviewers, and, in that way, many valuable results are brought about.

“There can be no question that the growing tendency to be lenient with respect to physical qualifications is due very largely to the influence of the reviewers. It is equally certain that their influence has been powerfully felt in diminishing the evils of railroading, which were once so common. There are scores of subjects connected with our Masonic procedures that are fully discussed by the different Correspondents. This discussion has borne much good fruit.

“We sadly miss some veterans of the ‘Guild’ whose pens are laid aside forever, but we gladly welcome several bright writers who have come forward to take their places.”

JOSEPH EMERSON KNIGHT, M. E. Grand High Priest.

HARRY MORRISON CHENEY, R. E. Grand Secretary.
S. B.

NEW JERSEY.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Jersey was held in the Tabernacle of Three-Times-Three Chapter No. 5, R. A. M., Trenton, May 13, A. D. 1914, A. I. 2444.

M. E. Companion HENRY S. HAINES, Grand Lecturer and Representative for Pennsylvania, was present.

Distinguished visitors were formally introduced and appropriately received, after which ceremony the M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion LORENZO D. SANBORN, delivered his annual address. He says:

“As your Grand High Priest, I am pleased to assure you that the past year has been one of peace, harmony and good feeling, and entirely devoid of dissensions. We meet this morning happy in the knowledge that fraternal companionship prevails alike among Companions and Chapters, and that our relations with foreign Jurisdictions are most cordial and friendly.”

Fraternal visits were paid to the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania and New York, and gracefully mentioned.

All of the Subordinate Chapters, with the exception of two, of the Grand Jurisdiction of New Jersey, were visited during the year; but even these two were visited by the Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion ROBERT A. MEEKER.

His one Decision was:

“I received a request, asking for permission to confer the Capitular Degrees on an applicant possessing a marked physical defect; which with the concurrence of the Committee on Constitutions, whose opinion I sought, I declined to grant.”

Of the condition of the Craft he says:

“I am glad to report a satisfactory condition in membership. There have been 617 exaltations, restorations and affiliations during the year ended December 31, 1913. Deducting 256 deaths, dimissions and suspensions there is left the gratifying increase of 361, our membership being 7,340.”

The familiar face of the late Most Excellent I. LAYTON REGISTER looks out from the pages of the proceedings, and we can hardly realize that we shall see him no more in the flesh.

There is also an excellent reproduction of the face of Most Excellent THOMAS OLIVER AYERS, a face not

quite so familiar to Pennsylvania Masons as that of Companion REGISTER, but withal a strong, characteristic Masonic picture.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of \$3,833.38, an increase over the balance of last year.

The Grand Secretary, the well-known and much beloved, both in his own and other Jurisdictions, M. E. Companion PETER MCGILL, tells his Grand Chapter that he received and paid over to the Grand Treasurer \$3,944, and that he has drawn orders on the Grand Treasurer for \$3,522.52—receipts greater than expenditures—hence happiness.

We clip his statistics:

There are 39 chartered Chapters in allegiance to this Grand Chapter.

Number of Chapters making returns—39.

Number of Chapters represented at this Convocation—35.

Membership reported last year	6,986
Number exalted since last report	535
Number restored	14
Number affiliated	68
	617
Deduct—	
Number dimitted	67
Number died	100
Number suspended, N. P. D.	84
Uncertain memberships	11
	262
A net gain of	355
	7,341

The Grand Chapter was favored with a number of able addresses to quote from, which would take more

of our space than we can afford; but, Companions, you need not be deprived of the pleasure of reading them, for I feel assured that a letter of request to M. E. Companion MCGILL, Bound Brook, N. J., will bring you a copy of the proceedings.

An Amendment will be presented for consideration at the Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation, changing the time of meeting of the Grand Chapter from "ten o'clock A. M., on the first Wednesday after the second Tuesday in May," to "eight o'clock P. M. on the second Tuesday in May."

M. E. Companion HENRY S. HAINES, presents the "Report on Foreign Correspondence."

One might almost imagine that a delicate trepanning operation would be in order; for we read his admission of "some cerebral peculiarities" and evidences of "mental obliquity", but bless your dear soul! "it's all in my eye, Betty Martin." There are no "peculiarities" as the report itself shows, and the reading of it fails to disclose any "mental obliquity". On the contrary, the arrow goes straight to the mark, which proves that he sees straight; and we propose to record some of his hits.

The following is from his opening:

"Conscious of some cerebral peculiarities, perhaps more aptly termed imperfections, born with us, we do not expect the opinions we may express to appear in every case orthodox to the self-constituted hierarchy of Masonic wisdom, but they will, nevertheless, be uttered, at the risk of popularity, and with that assurance which naturally comes to one who has been favored with long-continued and perhaps unmerited indulgence.

“Whatever evidences of mental obliquity may be discernible in that which follows, it is yet hoped that credit will be accorded its author for good intentions, and for a sincere desire to keep in the van with those more highly gifted and more fully endowed in the endeavor to turn Masonry to its fullest account in its blessed mission of overcoming the selfishness of human nature, and bringing about the unification of mankind.”

Under Alabama we learn that:

“The George Washington Memorial Association was held in such favor that it was resolved that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama become a member of the roll of honor of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association; and, further, that an appropriation of one hundred dollars be made for this purpose, and that the Committee on Finance be instructed to amend its report so as to provide for this expenditure; and, further that this Grand Chapter send two delegates to each annual meeting of the said George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, consisting of the Grand High Priest and one other to be appointed by him, their actual expenses in attending such meetings to be paid by this Grand Chapter, and that they be instructed to enroll the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama as a permanent member of the organization at its coming meeting in February, 1914.”

Of the late Companion WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB he says:

“It seems like an attempt to lift the sacred veil which now separates us from Companion William Y. Titcomb, to enter upon the consideration of his last labor of love for his Companions. This work was just completed and the enlightened views which had so long been a guide to his loving constituents, once more shed their benign influence upon them ere he is called to rest.

“The same forbearing spirit, blended with penetrating judgment, characterizes his present production—now his benediction—as it has all which have preceded it, and the inspiration of his life and character cannot but be permanently imprinted upon the hearts and the minds of those who survive him.

“In the hush of his death all criticism should be silenced, and the garland of universal love, earned by his kindly nature and his unswerving fidelity to duty, be placed reverently and affectionately upon his bier. New Jersey asks that in wreathing the Chaplet that is to grace his brow the place for at least a single thread be left to her.”

Under Connecticut we clip the following anent General Grand Bodies:

“Upon the merits of the General Grand Chapter, he utters the following:

“‘Our opinion of the practical utility of General Grand bodies is low, although from a purely personal point of view we find their meetings both enjoyable and profitable. While we should be slow to advocate withdrawal from them of Grand bodies already affiliated, we should be equally cautious in advocating affiliation on the part of an already independent Grand body.’

“And should any attempt be made towards investing the General Grand Chapter with sovereign power, he asks leave to be recorded as a secessionist.

“He expresses, in his closing paragraph, the belief that Capitular Masonry is still progressing, especially as regards enlightenment and understanding on the part of individual Companions. In questions of Masonic law, the points raised are concerned more with its application to matters evolved by modern conditions and growth. The general trend of opinion favors a liberal construction, but at the same time a conservative adherence to principles deduced from the Landmarks. This, however, does not prevent lively differences of opinion among thinking Masons.’”

Under Delaware we find the following, which tells us that heretofore the High Priest or a Past High Priest only could confer any of the Degrees included under the authority of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, and that this has been rescinded. Note Companion HAINES' pertinent comment:

“Agreeably to a recommendation made and approved that the existing resolution providing that the conferring of any degree under the authority of the Grand Chapter be confined to a High Priest or a Past High Priest was rescinded, and in the future the Scribe may confer the Mark Master Degree, the King may confer the Most Excellent Master Degree, and the H. P. or P. H. P. the Past Master and R. A. Degrees.

“This recommendation as first offered provided that the King and the Scribe *should* perform the work of the Lodge Degrees, and considerable discussion ensued before this modification was accepted substituting the word ‘may’ for ‘must.’ Even this seems strange and supererogatory to

us, who have always been imbued with the idea that the presiding officer in Lodge or Chapter might, *in his presence*, place any member in the principal station to confer the degrees.”

Under Illinois we clip the following, and we think we see a whole lot of good sense in the New Jersey view:

“A decision to the effect that funds of a Chapter could not be used to make a donation towards the erection of a Protestant hospital received the sanction of the committee, and the approval of the Grand Chapter, upon the ground that Chapter funds must be used exclusively for Masonic purposes. This may be good law in Illinois, but in New Jersey a Chapter with a surplus of funds would feel authorized to make any reasonable appropriation for benevolent or charitable purposes in the belief that such an outlay would be in the line of Masonic charity; and in this the Grand Chapter claims no right to interfere.”

And under Mississippi, after the Grand Lecturer had reported a partial failure in his work because compelled to waste his time on dormant Chapters, and complained of the scarcity of Companions who knew the work well enough to fill the position of Deputy Lecturers, Companion HAINES says:

“As we are engaged on this direct line of business, we have taken particular notice of these conditions, and as we diagnose them they seem to us entirely curable if the Grand Chapter is in earnest in affording assistance. We believe there are as ardent and capable R. A. Masons in Mississippi as anywhere else on the globe, and that the application of New Jersey methods of guiding them would make them proud proficient in their Ritual work. To this end there must be persistent inspection and instruction at the expense of the Grand Chapter, administered by qualified officers at times of their own choosing without any invitation from the Chapters. Further particulars upon application.”

We find under Nevada, Companion E. D. VANDERLEITH's views on the Mark, which we re-quote:

“The Mark is not merely an ornamental appendage that goes with the degree. It is the very essence of the degree, the jewel around which

the beautiful lessons of this beautiful degree cluster. Its silent appeal, in the name of friendship and fellowship, is most eloquent when the lips fail, and he who neglected the recording of his Mark carried away but little of the love in its lesson."

Re "soliciting" Companion HAINES says:

"It does not seem to us, however, that some explanation of the relation of R. A. Masonry to that of the Symbolic system made to a Master Mason should be entirely out of place, for we must admit that the Master's Degree is incomplete without the knowledge gained in the Royal Arch, and to open the way for the acquisition of such proper knowledge to the free thought of a brother Mason does not, in our opinion savor of the principle understood by improper solicitation, which we should, of course, condemn."

And in this we fully agree.

Re "free fees" and "free dues" for ministers, he quotes Companion SEWARD, of New Hampshire, as follows:

"A consistent and honored minister of the Gospel, Companion Seward would have no pecuniary favor shown to those of his calling in the matter of dues. He fully appreciates the gracious courtesies accorded to those of his profession and is grateful for them as manifesting a due respect for the sacred calling which he is privileged to pursue, but self-respect and true manhood should, he thinks, lead those in the ministry to avoid the expectation of such partial favors."

Under Pennsylvania, the following is what Companion HAINES thinks of our refusal to recognize Western Australia as a Supreme Grand Chapter:

"This seems to us an unmerited and un-American rebuff. We believe that England should have the right to control Masonic assemblies within her own domain, wherever situate, but she has considered the establishment of independent Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters in her dependencies promotive of the best interests of Masonry.

"Scotland has about as much right to exclusive sovereignty in Western Australia as in Pennsylvania, and had she instituted three Chapters in

the latter territory prior to 1786, the Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey, had there been such, would not have turned from the face of their friends and Companions across the river when constituted into their own Grand Chapter.''

Companion HAINES, *re* our contention that Marks should be adopted and recorded, says:

“Although perhaps not thoroughly imbued with a sense of importance of the Mark, Companion Stockton Bates believes in carrying into full effect the *law* concerning its adoption and record, truly saying that although the Mark may matter little in itself, the requirement to adopt it matters much. A Mason should be held to performances, and if he does not do what is required of him he is unworthy and should not be advanced. If the adopting and recording of Marks is trivial, abandon the requirement, provided the abolition does not infringe the ancient landmarks; but so long as it is thought wise to continue the custom, enforce its performance.’’

On the contrary, my dear Companion HAINES, I am thoroughly imbued with the importance of literally, fully and unqualifiedly living up to every requirement of Freemasonry, whether Symbolic, Capitular, Cryptic, the Scottish Rite or Templar.

At the risk of prolixity and repeating what every one knows, let me quote that a

“Mark is not a mere ornamental appendage of the degree, but is a sacred token of the rites of friendship and brotherly love, and its presentation at any time by the owner to another Mark Master, would claim, from the latter, certain acts of friendship which are of solemn obligation among the Fraternity. A Mark thus presented for the purpose of obtaining a favor, is said to be pledged . . . nor can it be again used by him until either by the return of the favor, or the consent of the benefactor, it has been redeemed; for it is a positive law . . . that no Mark Master shall ‘pledge his Mark a second time until he has redeemed it from its previous pledge.’

“The ‘arrhabo’ was a similar keepsake, formed by breaking a piece of money in two. The Romans borrowed the custom of these pledges from the ancient Israelites.’’

The study of the ancient use of Marks among operative Masons is a very entertaining one. When Lieutenant Commander H. H. Gorringe, U. S. N., lifted Cleopatra's needle from its base for the purpose of trans-shipment to this country he found under its base, so many symbols which seemed clearly Masonic, that he requested the presence of a Committee, which was sent by the Grand Lodge of Masons in Egypt, among them a number of Egyptologists and Archaeologists, to examine these emblems.

They were unanimous in the opinion that the emblems were Masonic. Among these emblems was an axis-stone thought to represent the trestle-board, and the marked stone bore the Mark of a Master Mason. History and tradition combine to emphasize the importance of the Mark as a symbol in the Degrees of Capitular Masonry.

We have journeyed from Alabama to Wyoming, through the "solid matter", as the printers would say, of Companion HAINES' review, and we have been struck with the versatility and diversity of the writer's diction. Through all the Jurisdictions where death has thinned the ranks he has made reference to the loss and always with choice language expressive of sympathy, and in no case has he found it necessary to repeat himself. And this brings us to his comprehensive and thoughtful conclusion:

"As to one who has completed a long and delightful journey comes in retrospect the thought of the scenes and incidents that have furnished entertainment and instruction by the way, so comes to us the remembrance

of the Masonic events of the year gone by, as they have been successively brought to our notice in the Capitular domain we have traversed, as we now recall them in review.

“Not all of success that fancy depicted and hope promised a year ago has been realized; not every personal pledge has been fulfilled; not every ideal sought has been attained; yet, measured by any reasonable standard set by experience, gratifying results have followed the efforts of an awakened Masonic spirit; and, while disappointment has not been wanting, as we have observed the meagre accomplishment, within the year, of purposes which we were given good reason to expect in several quarters, yet a steady advance may be confidently announced from a survey of the whole Masonic field. The exhibition of Masonic charity, both in strength of spirit and amount of pecuniary sacrifice, has been more marked; practices of doubtful propriety have been in greater measure abandoned; more intelligent care has been bestowed upon methods of supervision and instruction; and despite several drawbacks due to a frequent surrender to utilitarianism or expediency, and to the less spiritual part of our nature in estimating the true value of our Institution, yet evidence is not wanting that under Providence its onward and upward march is assured, enshrining within itself, as it does, the glorious gospel of justice and love, which according to Divine promise is destined in the end to gain the mastery of the world.”

ROBERT A. MEEKER, M. E. Grand High Priest.

PETER MCGILL, M. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.

NEW MEXICO.

The Sixteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Mexico was held at Sante Fe, October 23, 1913.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* with all the Grand Officers present, seven District Deputy Grand High Priests, five Past Grand High Priests and fourteen Chartered Chapters.

The Grand High Priest in his address says:

“We have dwelt in peace with ourselves and with Sister Jurisdictions with whom we hold fraternal relations. To me it has been a matter of sincere regret that I have not been able to visit any of the Chapters of our Grand Jurisdiction.”

Two Dispensations for new Chapters were granted and one new Chapter constituted.

The Grand Treasurer reports:

Balance on hand	\$ 552.71
Receipts	\$1,394.00
Total	\$1,947.71
Expenditures	1,318.95
Balance on hand	\$ 628.76
The Masonic Home fund shows.....	2,450.85
The Grand Secretary reports Exalted.....	53
Admitted	20
Reinstated	2
Total	75

With a total membership of 1,081, showing a net gain of 64. This is brought about by 41 members in two new Chapters U. D., which were not included in the regular report.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is as follows:

“I regret to have to apologize for the absence of the Correspondence report. I have only about six Chapters reviewed. This has been brought about by my frequent absences from town, and it was with extreme difficulty that I was able to get the Grand Lodge Report. I would therefore suggest that we omit the Correspondence Report this year and I will promise you a double one next year, as I am working on it at present.

“Regretting the necessity of asking this favor, I am,

Fraternally yours,

“JAMES H. WROTHER,
“Committee.”

Well, Companion, all the other Correspondents will be Wroth, if we do not get a report from you in 1914.

M. E. Companion NATHAN JAFFA, Grand High Priest.

Companion ALPHEUS A. KEEN, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

NEW YORK.

The One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of New York was held in the Masonic Temple, at Albany, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 3, and 4, 1914.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*, there being present all the Grand Officers, ten Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand King, one Past Grand Scribe and the Representatives of two hundred and three out of two hundred and seven constituent Chapters. The Grand Representatives of forty-two Jurisdictions were also present, Pennsylvania being among those represented. The Grand Representatives were received in a body, and welcomed by the Grand High Priest, to which a very fitting reply was made for the Grand Representatives by Companion LOWENSTEIN, Grand Representative for North Dakota.

After the reception of distinguished guests of the Grand Chapter the Grand High Priest delivered his address, wherein he reviewed the work of the year and feelingly referred to the dead of their own and sister Jurisdictions.

A number of Dispensations are reported to elect officers, and meet in halls other than their own, but none to advance petitions out of the regular order. Special attention is called to the Grand Representatives, some of whom give evidence of their appreciation of the duties of their office by regular attendance and others apparently never attend. The Grand High Priest recommended that Grand Representatives be appointed for three years, which recommendation was approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence. He also recommended an appropriation of twenty-five thousand dollars to be used for the erection of a building for the children of the Masonic Home at Utica, N. Y., which recommendation was not approved by the Committee on Finance to which it was referred.

One decision is reported, viz.: That the King of a Chapter, who during the year had *lost his left arm just above the elbow* (?) was eligible to be elected High Priest of the Chapter. This decision was sustained by the Committee on Jurisprudence basing their decision on Section 34 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, which provides "that every member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote, and shall be eligible to any office in the Chapter." (The italics are ours.)

The Grand Treasurer’s report showed :

Cash balance on hand deposited in Savings Banks	\$109,960.12
Received from Grand Secretary	25,708.54
Received from interest on deposits	4,441.04
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Total	\$140,109.70
Paid out during the year	19,232.86
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Balance on hand (in banks)	\$120,876.84

This amount is divided into a general fund of \$46,347.26 and permanent fund of \$74,529.58, and a list of the banks and the amount deposited in each one is given.

The Grand Secretary’s report shows :

Number exalted	2340	
Number affiliated	118	
Number restored	127	
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Total	2585	
Number died	622	
Number suspended, demitted, expelled	853	1475
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Net gain		1110

The membership December 27, 1913, was 39,398.

At the election, M. E. Companion FREDERICK W. CULLER was re-elected, whereupon in a very neat address he declined the office for another year, when balloting was resumed and R. E. Companion ARTHUR WARREN, of Rochester, was duly elected Grand High Priest, and the other officers regularly advanced, Companion C. WESLEY ORR being elected Grand Scribe.

A Constitutional Amendment providing for the division of the State into Districts and the appointment of District Deputy Grand High Priests was lost. In this we venture the opinion a mistake was made. A Jurisdiction so vast, both numerically and territorially, as New York, would, we feel sure, be benefited by this system. We of Pennsylvania speak from long experience with this system of supervision.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by Companion M. I. GREENWOOD, and we note in his report to the Grand Chapter that it was printed in pamphlet form and distributed at the meeting of the Grand Chapter. This, we think, is an excellent plan and much better than our own, where the report is printed along with the proceedings for the year. The report is, of course, printed in full in the proceedings and covers ninety-seven pages, wherein is reviewed practically all sister Grand Jurisdictions, and the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of the United States for 1912. Pennsylvania for 1912 is accorded a very fraternal review. The preface from the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is quoted in full. He intimates that the explanation made under the review of Wyoming, why Pennsylvania is not a constituent part of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, does not explain.

M. E. Companion ARTHUR WARREN, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion CHARLES C. HALL, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of North Carolina was held at New Bern, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 5, and 6, 1914.

The proceedings come to us in a very well printed volume of about two hundred and fifty pages, ornamented with the smiling countenance of M. E. Grand High Priest J. F. ALDERMAN.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*, Pennsylvania being among those represented.

The Grand High Priest's annual address is a clean cut business statement of the transactions of the year, coupled with a number of excellent recommendations for the future.

Three Dispensations were granted for new Chapters, and two waiving the statutory time for balloting on petitions. We note one thing, in each case where Dispensations were granted to ballot without waiting the statutory time, the names of petitioners were given and *every* member of the Chapter united in the petitions for the Dispensations. Now this seems to us to be a mighty good precedent.

Owing to lack of funds no general inspection of the Chapters was made, but it was strongly recommended that the Grand Chapter provide for inspection the coming year, which was done.

Under York Rite Masonry, the Grand High Priest has the following to say, which we pass along:

“There is and can be no conflict between the different rites of Masonry. The great principles of Masonry are not held under patent, but are as broad as the minds of man. While we would commend the high aim and fraternal spirit of all legitimate rights of Masonry, we must not fail to make the Ancient or York Rite Masonry the inspiration of our endeavor. Many of us are in all seriousness devoted to all of the Rites recognized by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, but we should never let our zeal for others cause our beautiful York Rite to languish or suffer.”

He recommends that a digest of the statutory laws, edicts and decisions of the Grand Chapter be prepared. This recommendation was adopted.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows:

Balance on hand	\$1,976.92
Received from Grand Secretary	2,856.50
“ “ Interest	4.95
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Total	\$4,838.37
Paid out	2,290.01
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Balance	\$2,548.36

We note that the Grand Treasurer says he has served the Grand Chapter for twelve years and asks that his name be not considered in connection with the position for the coming year, which request was regretfully acquiesced in by the Grand Chapter.

The Acting Grand Secretary's report shows, exalted 394, admitted 51, reinstated 10, total 455; demitted 75, died 55, suspended 23, expelled 1, total 154; a net gain of 301.

Total membership 3,406, number of Chapters 46.

Charters were granted for four new Chapters.

The Grand Secretary, Companion JAMES C. MUNDS, having been stricken with a serious illness, the Grand High Priest appointed his son, Companion JAMES T. MUNDS, Acting Grand Secretary. The Grand Chapter elected Companion JAMES C. MUNDS, Grand Secretary Emeritus for life, at a salary of \$400 a year, payable quarterly.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by Companion JAMES SOUTHGATE, it being his thirty-first report. As might be expected from the seasoned Veteran and Scholarly Mason, it is a model for the Juniors to study and emulate. In it he reviews forty-six Grand Chapters. Pennsylvania is accorded four pages of fraternal review, and in his own narrative way he lays before the Companions of North Carolina a very complete review of our doings for 1912.

M. E. Companion ALBERT S. GUERARD, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion JOHN B. GRIGGS, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

NORTH DAKOTA.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota was held in Fargo, June 17, 1914, at eight-thirty P. M.

There being a constitutional number present, the Grand Chapter was opened in *Form*.

The Grand High Priest in his annual address reports two new Chapters constituted during the year. He reports that no decisions have been called for which could not be answered by reference to the Grand Chapter Code. Three Dispensations granted, two to install officers, one to waive statutory time on a petition. He reports that pursuant to the order of the Grand Chapter, he visited every Chapter in the State and held meetings in all but three. That he found the Chapters in excellent shape financially and doing a large amount of work, but needing instructions badly. As a result of his observations while visiting, he recommends that the Grand Chapter provide for the permanent appointment of a Grand Lecturer and Auditor, which recommendation was adopted. He also recommends that those Companions who on account of age and disability have passed the stage of earning and who may not have acquired a competency, be exempted from dues.

Grand Treasurer reports:

Balance on hand	\$11,228.35
Receipts during year	3,230.00
Total	<u>\$14,458.35</u>
Expenditures	<u>4,078.56</u>
Balance on hand	\$10,379.79

The Grand Secretary's report shows:

Exaltations 235, loss 94, net gain 171, present membership 2,705. Two thousand dollars was expended during the year on the erection of a cottage at Dunseith (we presume in connection with a Masonic Home).

In the Necrology Report we note the name of SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, Grand Scribe of Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

No report on Foreign Correspondence, but the following:

“Your Special Committee on Fraternal Correspondence believes that this Grand Chapter is financially able to provide for such report in the future. Therefore we recommend that the Finance Committee be requested to consider an appropriation for such report.”

We are pleased to note that the Finance Committee appropriated one hundred and fifty dollars for such purpose, so next year we shall expect a new face at the round table.

M. E. Companion JOHN H. FRAINE, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion WALTER L. STOCKWELL, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Forty-fourth Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia was held in the town of Amherst, June 10, 1913.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*, with a constitutional number present. Among the Grand Representatives we note M. E. Companion JOHN HAY, representing Pennsylvania.

M. E. Companion DONALD F. FRASER, Grand High Priest, in his annual address gave a succinct account of the work during the year. He says that no decisions have been made during the year. A number of Dispen-
sations were granted for apparently good reasons but none to receive petition and ballot out of time. Nine official Visitations are reported, and each one seems to have been "a most pleasant occasion."

The Grand Treasurer's report shows:

Balance on hand	\$2,515.06
Receipts	1,059.58
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Total	\$3,574.64
Expenses	880.35
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Balance on hand	\$2,694.29

The Grand Secretary's report shows:

Exaltations	102
Affiliated	14
Reinstated	6
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Total	122
Losses by death, 21; suspended, 28; demitted, 21; missing, 5; total, 75.	
Showing net gain of 47.	

The proceedings also contain a full roster of all the members of Subordinate Chapters, as well as a complete list of all officers and Past High Priests.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by M. E. Companions W. MARSHALL BLACK, S. J. WADDELL and THOS. VAN B. BURGAY. Like Pennsylvania, they apportion the work among the Committee. The report covers eighty-five pages and forty-three Jurisdictions are reviewed.

Pennsylvania for 1912 is reviewed by M. E. Companion S. J. WADDELL, Grand Secretary, and is accorded over two pages of fraternal notice. A liberal quotation is made from Companion BATES' introduction.

M. E. Companion ANDREW J. MUNRO, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion S. J. WADDELL, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

OKLAHOMA, 1913.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Oklahoma was held at Shawnee, April 15 and 16, 1913.

The proceedings and statistical tables cover one hundred and eight pages, while the report on Correspondence covers one hundred and four pages, which we regard as a pretty fair division of the book.

At the opening of the Grand Chapter all the Grand Officers were present, and the Representatives of more than forty Chapters. We note that Pennsylvania was not represented in the meeting, although many other Grand Jurisdictions were represented.

The Grand High Priest, MILO ARTHUR NELSON, reports issuing two Dispensations for new Chapters and the Constitution under Charter of five new Chapters during the year.

The Grand High Priest seems to have had a very busy year issuing Dispensations for various purposes, viz., to receive petitions, ballot and confer degrees all in the same evening; to elect officers to convene Chapters, receive petitions, ballot on same and confer degrees in Chapters where there was not sufficient interest in the Chapter to obtain a quorum to transact business. The issuing of Dispensations is done at times with great celerity, as witness the following:

“On March 11th I received a request by wire from Companion H. B. Downing, of Oklahoma Chapter No. 2, located at Atoka, to ballot and confer degrees without regard to statutory time. I granted the request by wire and forwarded the dispensation by mail on the 15th. I have received no report.”

Evidently the need for haste had somewhat abated when it came to making up a report of their proceedings under telegraphic authority.

Speaking of the granting of Dispensations, the Grand High Priest says:

“While I realize that I have issued a good many dispensations to ballot and confer degrees without regard to statutory time, I have taken into consideration the general apathy that apparently exists in some of our Chapters. My idea has been to extend to those who were zealous all the assistance in my power to help in this good work.”

Under the head of Visitations the Grand High Priest says:

“At the beginning of my term it was my firm intention to visit every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the state where an official invitation was extended, having in mind that at least half of our Chapters would extend an invitation. During the year I received, however, an official invitation from but four.”

We think the Grand High Priest is over-diffident in the matter. It seems to us that a Grand Visitation, on the initiative of the Grand High Priest, is needed in a number of these Chapters and matters of etiquette should not interfere.

The Grand Treasurer's report summarized as follows:

Balance on hand April 9, 1912	\$4,626.88
Received from Grand Secretary	3,877.00
Total	<u>\$8,503.88</u>
Disbursements	3,220.44
Balance on hand	<u>\$5,283.44</u>

The report of the Grand Secretary, Companion LEO E. BENNETT, covers ten pages, and is one of the best we have ever seen. It goes into many details and shows the work being done, not only in Grand Chapter, but in the Subordinate Chapters. We hope every Companion in Oklahoma has read it. From the report we learn that there are 74 Chapters (some of

them dormant and others hibernating), with a membership of 4,922. During the year there were 519 exaltations, 98 affiliations and 48 restorations; the loss from all sources is 365 (just one a day), leaving a net gain of 299.

The Committee on Constitution reported a new Constitution, which was adopted and directed to be printed for distribution.

The Committee on Ritual recommended the adoption of the Ritual of the General Grand Chapter, which recommendation was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion CHARLES C. KNEISLY who while on his death bed wrote the report. He died March 28, 1913. It surely comes as a benediction. In it he reviews most of the Grand Jurisdictions. In speaking of his report his son said:

“Using a will power that was looked on by his friends as supernatural, he spent his last days in reading the above mentioned reports and making notes on the margins, but no one could write in that pleasant and concise style which has been given you in the past.”

Under Kentucky he approvingly quotes the following:

“Public installations are a public error. Why should a Chapter parade its inner workings to the profane public? It always looks to us as though it were an advertisement for business and we have never yet been convinced that it was necessary for a Masonic body to advertise its goods for sale.”

Personally we think a public installation is a violation of the most fundamental principles of Masonry.

From the earliest legends to the present day it has been a secret society.

Pennsylvania is accorded a very fraternal review, and attention called to the fact that Oklahoma for 1912 was not reviewed. We do not know why it came up among the missing.

M. E. Companion HENRY KIMBALL RICKER, Grand High Priest.

Companion LEO EDMOND BENNETT, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

OKLAHOMA, 1914.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Oklahoma was held in Oklahoma City, April 21 and 22, 1914.

The proceedings contain as a frontispiece a portrait of H. K. RICKER, Grand High Priest, and on the next page we find a biographical sketch of his life.

A full quorum being present, Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*. The Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions were received, but Pennsylvania was not represented.

The death of Companion SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, Grand Scribe of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, is noted.

The annual address of the Grand High Priest deals entirely with local affairs. He reports one new Chapter constituted and two old Chapters consolidated.

Few Dispensations were granted and one was refused, which set forth that the applicants were desirous to go through the Chapter and Commandery so that they might join the fall class in the Shrine; and setting forth that if this could not be done, the applicants would go to the Shrine by way of the Consistory. The Grand High Priest in refusing the Dispensation says:

“I do not believe that this is a matter that should be considered in granting special dispensations. In fact I do not believe that dispensations to receive and ballot on petitions without regard to statutory time should be given except in most extreme cases and then only when the names and conditions generally are recited in the application.”

A very wise decision. Members whose only incentive to receive Masonic Degrees is that they may join the Shrine are not likely to prove very valuable to the bodies whose only use to them is that of a ladder to reach a fez. We sometimes feel that the greatest mistake of this generation was made by the Masons who made the requirement of an applicant to the Shrine that he be either a 32° Mason or a Knight Templar. The Shrine has no place in Masonry and ought never to have been hitched to it in any way. We think we know about this as we hold membership in one of the largest Shrines in the United States.

Among the decisions we note that a non-affiliate Master Mason cannot petition a Chapter for the degrees. That any member of a Chapter may be elected High Priest, without serving as either King or Scribe. That a Chapter may not direct the Secretary to cast the affirmative vote of the Chapter for officers at an election.

That a Chapter may meet and open with nine Royal Arch Masons, although only a part of them are members of that Chapter, they may confer degrees but cannot ballot on candidates or elect officers without at least nine of their own members being present.

The Grand High Priest reports with much gratification that for the first time in its history every Chapter had made its return at the time of the Annual Convocation.

The Grand Treasurer reports:

Balance on hand	\$5,283.44
Receipts	3,879.00
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Total	\$9,162.44
Disbursements	3,822.09
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Balance on hand	\$5,340.35

The Grand Secretary's report is most voluminous, and covers the whole work of the year. In his gain and loss account, we find, exalted during the year 487, affiliated 127, reinstated 127, total 654, dimitted 94,

died 44, suspended 226, expelled 8, consolidation of Nos. 16, 17 and 21, surrender No. 62, 18; duplication 4, total 415; net gain 239, membership December 31, 1913, 5,200.

The Grand Secretary in his report says in reference to Annual Correspondence Report:

“The more I read, the stronger became my personal belief that these reports are not worth to the great body of our membership anything near the cost in dollars and cents. I frankly say that I would be very glad to have you authorize the omission of the report from our 1914 proceedings.”

And then follows a half page of reasons:

We very much regret that the death of Companion KNEISLEY, who wrote such an excellent report for Oklahoma last year should mean the death of the Correspondence Report also. Surely there ought to be among the 5,200 Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma some one who has enough love for the work to take up the Foreign Correspondence. We think the Grand Secretary is wronging the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma when he deprives it of such reports as Companion KNEISLEY prepared.

There is no report this year.

M. E. Companion CHARLES WORMAN TEDROW,
Grand High Priest.

Companion LEO EDMOND BENNETT, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

OREGON.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Oregon was held in Portland, June 8, 1914.

A majority of Subordinate Chapters being present, Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*. Among the Grand Representatives present we note that of Pennsylvania.

In speaking of the Fraternal dead, the Grand High Priest notes the death of SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, Grand Scribe of Pennsylvania.

The Grand High Priest in his annual address notes the progress of the Chapters and the harmony existing. Under Dispensations, we note one to ballot four and a half hours before the expiration of the statutory time on two applicants. The reasons given were good and it seemed a wise exercise of the power. Other Dispensations were for special installations and removal of meeting places. We note a long discussion and decision over whether a Brother is a Past Master of a Lodge or a Past Master in a Chapter. If only a Past Master in a Chapter, then he has no rights in a Lodge, and if only an actual Past Master in a Lodge, then he has no rights in a Chapter. The whole trouble arises out of having a dual authority over one degree. We don't have that brother in Pennsylvania. Decided that a Companion against whom charges had been preferred,

but who had made restitution, and the charges dropped, could not be dropped from the roll of the Chapter by a resolution. The only way he can be gotten rid of is by charges being regularly preferred and brought to trial.

Decided that the Secretary of a Chapter, after election and installation cannot resign.

Decided that a Companion from another State who has had a dimit for a number of years from his Chapter must show receipts for his dues from both Lodge and Chapter within a year of his presenting his petition for membership. Rather drastic resolutions out there in Oregon.

Grand Treasurer reports:

Balance on hand	\$6,260.72
Receipts	2,150.42
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Total	\$8,411.14
Disbursements	2,378.83
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Balance	6,032.31
Permanent investments	7,000.00

Grand Secretary's report:

Exaltations, 169; admitted, 43; reinstated, 5	217
Stricken from roll, 55; suspended, 1; demitted, 16; died, 33.....	105
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Net gain	112
Total membership, 3,836. Number of Chapters, 35.	

At the election of Grand Officers M. E. Companion LEWELLEN CLAY MARSHALL was duly elected and in-

stalled Grand High Priest. We notice a footnote by the Grand Secretary, as follows:

“Since preparing these proceedings for the printer, I have received notice that Grand High Priest Lewellen Clay Marshall, who was elected and installed June 8th, died at his home Sunday morning, June 14, 1914. Companion Marshall was in his usual health Saturday when he departed from home. On Sunday morning he was stricken with paralysis, and died a few hours later. He was buried with Masonic honors June 17, 1914.”

Pennsylvania extends to the Grand Chapter of Oregon sympathy in its bereavement. Our Grand Chapter has been twice called to the home of mourning during the present year, owing to the death of our Grand Scribe, SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, and our Grand King, WINFIELD SCOTT BELL.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by M. E. Companion HENRY B. THIELSON, this being his third. He says that when he approached the doors of Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, he found the doors closed, the windows darkened and the knockers out of order and so he left them out of his report. Now this is too bad. Don't you know you missed the very best Grand Chapters in the United States? We hope you won't miss us again.

Fifty Grand Chapters are ably reviewed (four of them for two years). In examining the reports of those with which we are most familiar, we find Companion THIELSON has been most happy in his selection of what to present to his readers. We hope his entire report on Correspondence will be read aloud

in each Chapter in Oregon. Of course, it is not as good as it would have been had the proceedings of Pennsylvania reached him.

M. E. Companion L. C. MARSHALL, Grand High Priest (died March 14, 1914).

R. E. Companion CLYDE EVANS, Deputy Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion JAMES F. ROBINSON, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

QUEBEC.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec was held in the city of Montreal, March 25, 1914. The proceedings come to us in a very neatly printed volume of two hundred and fifteen pages, "Ordered to be read in all the Chapters and preserved," which we think is an excellent order, if enforced.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*. We note that Pennsylvania was not numbered among those represented.

The annual address of M. E. Companion J. ALEX. CAMERON, Grand First Principal Z., is literally filled with good things, not only for the Companions of his own Jurisdiction, but there is much which might

be profitably read by the Craft at large. He reports the issuing of Dispensations for three new Chapters. One of these Chapters, viz., Lively Stone Chapter at Stainstead, is just across the boundary line from Derby, Vermont. Speaking of this the Grand Z. says that there has always been a particularly intimate relation between the Masons of Derby Line, Vermont and Stainstead. He relates that

“a Lodge on this border line between two belligerent nations composed of members from both, and actually being held and worked by Brethren from two countries in a state of war with each other. It is unthinkable that such a state of war should ever again exist between these two countries; and on the other hand it is delightful to know that the intimate relationship established over a century ago between the Craftsmen of those two villages and the adjoining localities still persists and shows no sign that it will be relaxed.”

In a philosophical reflection the Grand Z. says:

“The highest conception of Masonry is, *service*, first to the Brotherhood and then to Mankind; therein lies its purpose, therein lies its ultimate claim to existence and to the commendation of thoughtful men. . . . The usefulness of the Chapter is measured by the extent to which its teachings and its influence react favorably upon and accentuate those of the Lodge. . . . Additional degrees are but extra windows in our respective Masonic Structures giving us a wider outlook on the Masonic field and a larger view of our opportunities for service in its activities.”

He also recommended the consideration of the founding of a tubercular hospital as a worthy Masonic charity. This recommendation was approved by the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, but no definite action taken by the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Scribe's report shows:

Received during the year 197, restored 3, affiliated 59, total 259. Died 11, withdrawn 25, suspended

N. P. D. 35, total 71; net gain 188; total membership 1,606.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows:

Balance on hand	\$1,753.08
Receipts	1,756.76
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Total	\$3,509.84
Paid out	1,491.11
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Balance on hand	\$2,018.73
The Benevolent Account shows \$2,712.76 on hand.	

The Grand Lecturer in closing his report, gives the following gentle rebuke to some of the Chapters:

“In a few instances when at ‘work’ I have noticed a deep interest manifested in the art of printing. This under the influences of kindly encouragement will, I feel, soon give way to a consideration of methods of training the memory.”

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of M. E. Companion E. D. T. CHAMBERS, Past Grand Z., and 'tis no 'prentice hand that wields the pen. We regret that we cannot give his introduction in full, but must content ourselves with a few extracts:

“It is still far from encouraging to note, the very large proportions of Masons who have never yet completed their knowledge of the secrets and teachings of the Master Mason's Degree, which is only to be acquired by exaltation in the Chapter. . . . It gives me very great pleasure to place before our readers a very excellent pronouncement on the subject, from one who speaks with considerable authority, namely, the General Grand High Priest of the United States. Addressing the Grand Chapter of Missouri in April, 1914, M. E. Companion Bernard G. Witt said of Royal Arch Masonry: ‘It should never have been taken out of the Blue Lodge. It is a part of it, a component part of it and the Blue Lodge System is imperfect without it, as most of you know. What is our duty to the Brother of the

third degree? Shall we say to him that the thing he most desired and for which he labored so long is hidden from him forever? He never can obtain it. May we not suggest to him, if he is the right kind of a man, that the mystery can be cleared up and the word sought revealed to him in all its significance and magnificence? . . . Should it not be your duty to remove the film from your partly blind Brother and help him clear up the mystery surrounding, inducing him to come and have revealed to him the beautiful symbolism of the Blue Lodge, now vague and indistinct?

“‘I make these suggestions that you may consider them closely and seriously in the light of the obligation due to your Lodge itself, for no one is a clear minded and perfectly informed Master Mason until he has come inside the Chapter and had revealed to him things that were hidden.’

“‘The above thoughts are in accord with the principle underlying the declaration made by each one of us prior to his initiation into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, when he claimed to have solicited those privileges from a desire to render himself more extensively serviceable to mankind.’”

The proceedings of many Jurisdictions are fully and we think most fairly reviewed. We would like to quote much of it, but must refrain. Pennsylvania is accorded fraternal review in three pages and liberal quotation made from Companion BATES’ introduction to the Correspondence Report. Also what the writer of this had to say on Sunday work and large Chapters.

We learn with sadness that the writer of the Correspondence Report was called to pass beneath the rod when his wife, who for forty-two and one-half years had been the sharer of his joys and his sorrows, was called home. You are quite right, Companion CHAMBERS, when you say:

“‘When we shall wake
I am quite sure that we will be very glad
That for a little while we were so sad.’”

M. E. Companion ARTHUR BARTON WOOD, Grand First Principal Z.

Companion WILL H. WHITE, Grand Scribe E.

J. M. C.

SCOTLAND.

The proceedings of the Quarterly Convocations of December 19, 1913, February 20, 1914, and March 6, 1914, of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland are before us. It comes in several pamphlets and proves most interesting.

The Quarterly Convocation of December 19, 1913, the Supreme Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*. Charters were granted as follows: For a Chapter at Sydney, New South Wales, as No. 383; for a Chapter at Cooma, New South Wales, as No. 384; for a Chapter at Rochdale, New South Wales, as No. 385; for a Chapter at Cape Colony, as No. 386.

A matter of interest, at least to Pennsylvania, was the following motion on the Mark Degree:

“That we adhere to the ancient landmarks of the Order as exhibited in the old written work of 1809, which manuscript formed the basis of agreement with Grand Lodge when the Supreme Chapter granted it power to have the Mark Degree worked under its Jurisdiction.”

This motion was agreed to, and on a motion to re-commit, the motion was lost by 27 to 66.

At a meeting of the Supreme Committee, held February 20, 1914, nominations were submitted for officers for the ensuing year. There were also reports of various Committees, including the Finance Committee. At this Convocation also we regret to note the following:

“A statement from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Texas was read, from which it appears that the Grand Chapter does not wish to continue fraternal intercourse with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. The Committee received the statement with regret, more especially as it contains statements which are not accurate, and no previous friendly inquiry or correspondence of any sort has been received upon any question raised or matter in dispute so as to afford an opportunity of mutual good understanding being arrived at. Supreme Committee, however, resolved to take no action in the matter.”

At the Quarterly Convocation held March 6, 1914, Supreme Grand Chapter opened in *Ample Form*, and petitions for Charters for new Chapters granted as follows: At Bellingen, New South Wales, as No. 387; at Penicwik, as No. 388, and at South Queensferry, as No. 389.

Annual reports from Grand Superintendents were received. These evidently correspond very closely with our District Deputy Grand High Priests. The Grand Superintendents were very sincerely thanked for their work in the various Provinces and for the success which everywhere seemed to prevail.

“On motion of M. E. Companion Cunningham, seconded by M. E. Companion Scott, the Right Honorable the Earl of Casillis was elected First Grand Principal amid acclamation.”

Then follows a list of all the other officers unanimously elected.

The celebration of the Feast of the Vernal Equinox was fixed for March 20th. The following notice is sent out:

“M. E. Companion:

“The Annual Convocation will take place in the Royal Arch Halls, Edinburg, on Friday, 20th Curt at 4.15 P. M.

“The minutes of the meeting of the 6th inst. will be submitted for confirmation.

“The Grand Office Bearers for the ensuing year will then be installed by M. E. Companion R. King Stewart, of Murdostown, Past First Grand Principal.

“At the close of the Convocation, 5 P. M., the Festival of the Vernal Equinox will be celebrated.

“M. E. Companion the Earl of Cassillis will preside.

“Any Companion of the order is entitled to be present, and the price of each ticket will be 7s. 6d. including wines.

“To insure the success of the arrangements, it will be a favour if tickets are taken on or before Tuesday, 17th Curt.

“Very faithfully yours,

ALFRED A. MURRAY.”

The Annual Convocation for the installation of Grand Office Bearers was held Friday, March 20, 1914. After installation of the officers the Supreme Chapter was closed in *Ample Form*.

The Festival of the Vernal Equinox was then observed with a banquet. The toasts responded by different Companions. Among the toasts responded to was one to “Sister Constitutions”. He referred in it to the American System of Correspondence Committees:

“whose duty it was to make a condensed report of the proceedings of every Grand Chapter in the world. They commented very freely upon any detail which might be considered worthy of commendation or criticism, and as a means of bringing home to ourselves that ‘Our sun is but one of

the many stars' and as a means of promoting knowledge of what all the other Constitutions were doing he would commend that system for their consideration.'"

The proceedings of Scotland are published in a number of pamphlets, which makes it somewhat difficult to review. There is no statistical table from which we could ascertain its present membership, or the number of active Chapters, or the present membership. There is no Committee on Correspondence.

J. M. C.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The One Hundred and Third Annual Grand Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of South Carolina was holden at Sumpter, on Tuesday, April 14, 1914, at twelve M.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*, with all Grand Officers present. The Representatives of thirty Subordinate Chapters and many Representatives of other Jurisdictions; Pennsylvania being among those represented.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion GEORGE S. MOWER, in his annual address, gives a very complete review of Capitular Masonry (did I say Capitular? Well, they have adopted the Texas plan, and so we do not know whether it is Capitular or Cryptic Masonry with which we are dealing). He says:

“The general information I have enables me to say that as a whole, the Craft has gained rather more in membership than in previous years, and our Treasury has accordingly received a larger amount in the way of dues. Some few Chapters have not exalted any candidates during the year probably on account of the adoption of the Texas plan and some inconveniences due thereto. This is no serious indication of any real lack of interest on the part of the membership and I feel safe in saying that the state of the Craft is excellent.”

We note that the Grand Chapter has been incorporated by an Act of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina as “Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina”. Now, it can sue and be sued and have many privileges, including tax returns to the Government, which the Companions may find of doubtful value. Two Dispensations for new Chapters are reported. Twenty-five Dispensations are reported, nine of which were to receive and ballot on petitions and confer degrees out of the regular time.

Among decisions we note that the balloting on more than one candidate at one ballot was irregular, but the ballot being clear, such irregularity would not violate the election. That the High Priest of a Chapter has the same powers as the Master of a Lodge in setting aside or staying an election. This is not very clear to us.

The Grand Treasurer’s report shows:

Balance on hand	\$5,372.34
Received during the year	3,769.18
Mortgage held	2,500.00
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	\$11,641.52
Paid out	6,051.19
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Balance	\$5,590.43

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by M. E. Companion J. L. MICHIE, who in seventy-five pages reviewed fifty-seven sister Jurisdictions, nine of them being double-headers, covering the proceedings for two years. Pennsylvania is accorded a liberal review of two pages.

The report gives an excellent review of Capitular Masonry in the world.

Like many others, he makes faces at Pennsylvania's physical perfection requirements, saying:

"he (the Grand High Priest) decided that a petition could not be received from a Brother who had lost almost half of one of his fingers. Oh! we would like to see the Perfect Youth Fad buried in the rubbish of the Temple."

Then, under Rhode Island, we find this:

"His decision that a Master Mason who had lost his left arm between the elbow and the shoulder was eligible for the Royal Arch Degrees. Now how can this Companion receive or impart instruction? How will he act in opening and closing of a Chapter?"

Well, we don't know, Companion MICHIE, but we do know that we avoid all such awkward conditions in Pennsylvania by simply adhering to the Ancient Landmarks, notwithstanding the Spirit of Modernism which is abroad.

M. E. Companion GEORGE S. MOWER, Grand High Priest.

Companion O. FRANK HART, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota was held at Aberdeen, June 11, 1914. The following Grand Officers were present:

HOLLACE L. HOPKINS,	<i>Grand High Priest.</i>
HUBERT W. BARTLETT,	<i>Deputy Grand High Priest.</i>
MARCUS POZNANSKY,	<i>Grand King.</i>
JOHN A. CLEAVER,	<i>Grand Scribe.</i>
LOUIS JACOBS,	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
GEO. A. PETTIGREW,	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>
REV. EDWARD ASHLEY,	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
BENJ. F. IVES,	<i>Grand Lecturer.</i>
C. J. LANDON,	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
WEST BABCOCK,	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
WM. A. MORRIS,	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
L. V. SCHNEIDER,	<i>Grand Master Third Vail.</i>
JOHN H. MCCORD,	<i>Grand Master First Vail.</i>
FRED A. FOWLER,	<i>Grand Sentinel.</i>

Twelve Past Grand High Priests and fifty-one officers of thirty different Chapters were also present. The Grand High Priest referred to his forced absence for several months on account of ill health, during which time Deputy Grand High Priest HUBERT W. BARTLETT performed the duties of the office.

The following decisions are of interest:

“In answer to a request for a decision from Golden Belt Chapter No. 35, ‘Shall we collect the fee for the Mark Master Degree from a Brother who received the degree in a country where it is conferred with the Blue Lodge Degrees,’ I wrote them as follows:

“ ‘I would collect for the degree in question and if the Grand Chapter reverses this decision you can return the candidate his money.’ ”

This is good business as well as good Masonry.

“A request was made by Selby Chapter No. 43 which was rather out of the ordinary. ‘I was informed that a candidate had been rejected for membership by regular ballot and was presented with the following rather unusual request:

“ ‘Could you help us out by making this Brother a Royal Arch Mason on sight when you come to visit us?’ ”

Here is the answer:

“Your request that I make a rejected candidate a Royal Arch Mason ‘on sight’ when I visit your Chapter officially could not be seriously entertained. It is a serious question whether I have the power to do so or not, I have been studying duties rather than powers. But assuming that I have the power I would hesitate long before exercising it on any occasion. My understanding is that where this power has been exercised by those in similar authority, it has only been done in cases where there is absolute unanimity of sentiment, where existed great cordiality, high unquestioned and undisputed merit on the part of the candidate and where the whole proceedings were flooded with genuine Masonic love and spirit. It is no reflection on your request or statements when I say that common prudence and discretion dictate that a thorough investigation as to the merits of the case would first be proper and necessary on my part before any official action might be taken, but under the circumstances as presented by you I cannot seriously entertain or grant your request.”

No comment need be made on this decision.

In his conclusion the Grand High Priest states “that while Capitular Masonry in South Dakota is in a fairly satisfactory condition, what it needs most is an active campaign of visitation.” Every other Jurisdiction has the same need, in fact, it is a necessity. We may have different ideas as to how such a campaign should be conducted, but if it has for its principal object the imparting of Masonic knowledge, inspiration and helpfulness—there can be no

question about the results. If the Grand Chapter does not take an interest in the Subordinate Chapters, you cannot expect the Subordinate Chapters to take much interest in the Grand Chapter.

If our Companions could be made to realize their debt of gratitude as expressed by Grand High Priest HOPKINS, it would be a great benefit to Capitular Masonry. Let us endeavor to work along those lines, not by preaching, but by example and teaching.

“The bringing of new members into Capitular Masonic birth and being is fairly comparable to the natural birth. It represents much of loving toil and sacrifice on the part of Masonic parents. Every newly born Capitular Mason owes a debt of sincere gratitude to his Masonic parents the same as a child of nature to its natural parents. It is almost equivalent to the debt of nature. We should repay the debt in the same manner—by cheerfully and joyfully assisting in bringing into Capitular Masonic being new Companions and thus keep the ranks of the Craft full, virile and increasing.”

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$4,390.55 on hand, June 11, 1914.

The Grand Secretary in his report reminds us that this is the twenty-fifth anniversary of that Grand Chapter, and gives the following facts:

“On June 11, 1889, at the Fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Dakota, at Mitchell, action was taken looking to a division of the Grand Chapter of Dakota Territory into two, namely, North and South Dakota, owing to the fact that the great Territory was to be divided into two States with those names. The Grand Chapter was divided, and preliminary steps were taken for the organization of this Grand Chapter. On January 6, 1890, this Grand Chapter met again at Yankton, and the full organization was perfected, after which the Grand Chapter was closed to meet in regular Annual Convocation at Madison, June 9, 1890. At that time there were twenty-three Chapters with a membership of 1,006. At

the close of the reports for this year there were thirty-six Chapters with 3,378 members. While the growth has not been at all phenomenal, yet these figures show that we have been steadily advancing. The ratio of Royal Arch Masons to Master Masons in the jurisdiction is now 1 to 3.176."

There are thirty-six Chapters, with a membership of 3,378. The net increase for the year is 145.

The following named officers were elected and installed for the year 1914-1915:

Companion Hubert W. Bartlett (35) Edgemont, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Companion Marcus Poznansky (25) Rapid City, V. E. Deputy Grand High Priest.

Companion John A. Cleaver (10) Huron, R. E. Grand King.

Companion West Babcock (2) Sioux Falls, R. E. Grand Scribe.

Companion Louis Jacobs (37) Lennox, R. E. Grand Treasurer.

Companion Geo. A. Pettigrew (2) Sioux Falls, R. E. Grand Secretary.

The Twenty-sixth Grand Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Thursday, June 10, 1915, at nine o'clock A. M.

W. T. T.

VICTORIA.

The volume in hand is a souvenir commemorating the Silver Jubilee of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Victoria, held at Melbourne, April 15, 1914. This Convocation completed twenty-five years of history of this Supreme Chapter and was made the occasion for a "Review of Progress" of Royal Arch Freemasonry in its Jurisdiction. In twelve of the thirty-two pages of this beautiful souvenir are briefly, but interestingly, recorded the

proceedings of a quarter of a century. We quote the following:

“The Supreme Grand Chapter was inaugurated and proclaimed concurrently with the United Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Victoria, on March 21, 1889, at a special Convocation held at the Freemasons’ Hall, Collins Street, Melbourne, presided over by M. E. Companion His Honour Sir Samuel Way, Chief Justice, Grand Z. of the Supreme Grand Chapter of South Australia, who installed in their respective chairs M. E. Companion Sir William J. Clarke as Grand Z., R. E. Companion George Baker as Grand H., and R. E. Companion John James as Grand J., after which the newly installed First Grand Principal invested the other officers of the first Grand Chapter.

“Of the following thirteen Chapters joining the new Constitution, eleven held charters under the English, one under the Scottish and one under the Irish Constitutions, viz.:

No.	1	Australasian	E. C.	with 18 members
	3	Victorian	E. C.	“ 20 “
	5	St. Andrews in the South....	S. C.	“ 23 “
	7	Royal Golden	E. C.	“ 43 “
	9	Washington	I. C.	“ 23 “
	10	Yarrowee	E. C.	“ 50 “
	13	Collingwood	E. C.	“ 40 “
	14	Beechworth of St. John....	E. C.	“ 17 “
	17	Melbourne	E. C.	“ 15 “
	38	South Yarra	E. C.	“ 32 “
	54	Keystone	E. C.	“ 7 “
	64	Moirra	E. C.	“ 10 “
	98	Clarke	E. C.	“ 22 “

“These Chapters were numbered as above and were registered by such numbers until January 21, 1903. The Metropolitan Chapter, of the Canadian Constitution, with twenty members, applied in 1891 for a Charter under the new Victorian Constitution and this was, in due course, granted. There were also several other Chapters holding warrants under the Grand Chapter of Canada, but constitutional difficulties precluded these from uniting with the newly formed Supreme Grand Chapter till July 22, 1895, when their warrants were surrendered and cancelled. These Chapters were as follows:

No.	84	United Wimmera	with 25 members
	91	Duke of Albany	“ 20 “
	92	City of Melbourne	“ 36 “
	93	Australasian Kilwinning	“ 25 “
	166	Citizens	“ 12 “

“During the twelve months from July, 1894, to July, 1895, much discussion is recorded regarding a somewhat strained relationship with the Grand Chapter of Canada, but in the latter year the Canadian Companions here decided to amalgamate with the Victorian Constitution and all difficulties ended.”

On January 21, 1903, all Chapters were renumbered in accordance with the dates of the charters under their original Constitution.

The following list gives the names, numbers and meeting places of the nineteen Subordinate Chapters of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria:

No.	Chapter	Meeting Place
1	Australasian	Melbourne
2	Collingwood	Melbourne
3	Royal Golden	Bendigo
4	Victoria-Washington	Melbourne
6	South Yarra	Melbourne
7	Yarrowee	Ballarat
8	Melbourne	Melbourne
9	City of Melbourne	Fitzroy
11	Clarke	Melbourne
12	Moirra	Benalla
13	Metropolitan	Melbourne
14	Argyle	Sale
15	Shakespeare	South Melbourne
16	United Wimmera	Ararat
19	St. Andrew's in the South	Geelong
20	Wannon	Coleraine
21	Kyneton	Kyneton
22	Western District	Warrnambool
23	Kerang	Kerang

The total membership is 870, or an average of 46. The largest Chapter has 79 members.

M. E. Companion Edward Coulson, having been again elected First Grand Principal, was duly installed by M. E. Companion George E. Emery, P. G. Z., assisted by R. E. Companions W. A. Callaway, P. G. H., and

A. G. Dunlop, P. G. H., who installed, respectively, R. E. Companion T. Mackenzie Kirkwood as Second Grand Principal, and E. Companion Thomas Craig Miller as Third Grand Principal. R. E. Companion H. M. Knight, P. G. H., invested the following officers for the new year:

G. L. MARQUAND,	<i>Grand Scribe E.</i>
C. STREIFF,	<i>Grand Scribe N.</i>
J. CHANDLER,	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
J. W. ROBERTSON,	<i>Grand Registrar.</i>
F. L. D. HOMAN,	<i>Pres. Comp. of Gen. Pur.</i>
E. MICHAEL,	<i>Grand Prin. Sojourner.</i>
SIR HENRY DE C. KELLETT,	<i>Grand First. Asst. Soj.</i>
C. C. GRANT,	<i>Grand Second Asst. Soj.</i>
JOS. PHILLIPS,	<i>Grand Dir. of Cer.</i>
R. A. TREBILCOCK,	<i>Grand Dep. Dir. of Cer.</i>
T. H. KITCHIN,	<i>Grand Asst. Dir. of Cer.</i>
J. O. FREEMAN,	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
W. BROATCH,	<i>Grand Standard Bearer.</i>
S. BOLITHO,	<i>Grand Standard Bearer.</i>
A. M. PERKIN,	<i>Grand Organist.</i>
H. PONSFORD,	<i>Grand Herald.</i>
W. MUNDY,	<i>Grand Herald.</i>
G. GORDAN ROSS,	<i>Grand Janitor.</i>

The rank of Past First Grand Principal was *conferred* on R. E. Companion THOMAS FORD, P. G. H., in recognition of his many and devoted services.

“The First Grand Principal informed Grand Chapter that, considering the occasion of its Silver Jubilee worthy of some special commemoration, he had convened a meeting of Past Grand Principals to decide what action might be taken. This souvenir, a copy of which is to be handed to all affiliated Royal Arch Freemasons throughout the Territory, is the result.

“ ‘As it is also intended to present copies to our Grand Representatives and Sister Grand Chapters abroad, we take the opportunity of conveying to them our hearty good wishes. In reviews of our proceedings we frequently notice our American Companions refer to the scanty information our small annual volume affords, but our membership is so small, as compared with their many thousands, that it will be apparent we cannot afford the cost of printing debates at length, and indeed many interesting questions are passed over in the fewest words. We hope, in the time to come, to emulate the example of our Sister Grand Chapters in their elaborately prepared and informative publication.’ ”

“Analysing the returns of subordinate Chapters from March, 1889, to date, it is found that 1,661 Royal Arch Companions have been exalted under this Constitution.

““Perfect harmony has prevailed throughout the whole twenty-five years, and Grand Chapter or its Committee has never been called upon to arbitrate in disputes of any kind, either as between Companions, Subordinate Chapters, or in Grand Chapter itself, and may this ever continue from generation to generation, when time with us shall be no more.””

M. Em. Companion EDWARD COULSON, G. Z.

V. Em. Companion G. L. MARQUARD, G. S. E.

W. T. T.

UTAH.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah convened in its Third Annual Convocation at Masonic Hall, Provo, Utah, on Wednesday, May 6th, at ten forty-five A. M.

The following officers were present:

WILLIAM J. LYNCH, . . .	<i>Grand High Priest.</i>
CHARLES F. JENNINGS, . . . as	<i>Deputy Grand High Priest.</i>
BIRT G. BLACKMAN, . . .	<i>Grand King.</i>
HOWARD P. KIRTLEY, . . . as	<i>Grand Scribe.</i>
FREEMAN A. MCCARTY, . . . as	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
WALTER DANIELS, . . .	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>
REV. PETER A. SIMPKIN, . . .	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
CHARLES F. JENNINGS, . . .	<i>Grand Lecturer.</i>
JESSE I. BURNETT, . . . as	<i>Grand Captain of Host.</i>
ADOLPH ANDERSON, . . . as	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
WILLIAM D. RICHARDSON, . . .	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
CHARLES F. DINSMORE, . . .	<i>Grand Master Third Veil.</i>
JOHN A. HOUGHTON, . . . as	<i>Grand Master Second Veil.</i>
H. M. FREDENBERG, . . . as	<i>Grand Master First Veil.</i>
DANIEL DUNNE, . . .	<i>Grand Sentinel.</i>

Past Grand High Priest CHARLES F. JENNINGS and the Representatives of all the Chapters within the Jurisdiction, except Ogden No. 2, were also present.

The officers and members of the Grand Chapter and visiting Companions were welcomed by Companion PETERSON on behalf of Provo Chapter No. 4.

In his address the Grand High Priest enumerates the facts and incidents connected with the administration of the Grand Chapter. At a regular Convocation of Ontario Chapter No. 3, held September 17, 1913, and at the request of the Grand High Priest, Excellent Companion MACDONALD installed Excellent HENRY HUGHES as Grand Scribe, and Companion WILLIAM A. RADDON as Grand Master of the Third Vail.

“The year has shown an improvement and growth that is certainly gratifying. Every Chapter in the State has increased its membership with splendid material, and the work of each Chapter has shown a marked improvement. This condition, I am convinced, is due largely to the organization of the Grand Chapter which has, no doubt, increased the local interest in the cause of Capitular Masonry, and to the dignified, gentlemanly campaign, conducted by our members along legitimate, true Masonic lines. I congratulate the Chapters of the State on their splendid growth and condition.

“Salt Lake Chapter U. D., having been granted a Charter by the Grand Chapter, my first official act after assuming the duties of Grand High Priest, was to convene a special convocation of the Grand Chapter for the purpose of constituting Salt Lake Chapter No. 5, R. A. M., and installing the officers elected and appointed to serve during the balance of the Capitular Masonic year. This very pleasant duty was performed on the evening of May 24, 1913, with full ceremonial. The new Chapter numbers among its officers and members some of the most zealous and active of our order, and I predict for it rich and abundant success.

“At a joint meeting of Utah Chapter No. 1 and Salt Lake Chapter No. 5 held in the Masonic Temple at Salt Lake City, December 17, 1913, I *publicly* installed the officers elected and appointed to serve these Chapters for the ensuing Capitular Masonic year. It was the first public installation I had ever participated in, and it was certainly an inspiring sight and one long to be remembered to see the nearly 300 guests and Companions present giving their undivided attention to the ceremonies. After the installation, the lady guests of the evening were requested to retire to the ante-room, when each Chapter was closed in due form.”

The Grand High Priest commends the public installation to the other Utah Chapters for their consideration.

On the evening of December 22, 1913, the Grand High Priest installed the officers of Provo Chapter No. 4 at Provo, Utah.

During the year two official visitations were made, one to Utah Chapter No. 1, and the other to Ogden Chapter No. 2.

WM. J. LYNCH, Grand High Priest.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of \$546.70.

The total membership is 664, an increase of 68 over the previous year. Not one Chapter shows a decrease.

The next Annual Convocation will be held at Park City, Utah, by invitation of Ontario Chapter No. 2.

The officers for the ensuing Masonic year are as follows:

BIRT G. BLACKMAN,	<i>Grand High Priest.</i>
ABBOTT R. HEYWOOD,	<i>Deputy Grand High Priest.</i>
HOWARD P. KIRTLEY,	<i>Grand King.</i>
WILLIAM D. RICHARDSON,	<i>Grand Scribe.</i>
FRANK P. SHERWOOD,	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
WALTER DANIELS,	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>
REV. PETER A. SIMPKIN,	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
E. ALBERT E. WEATHERBY,	<i>Grand Lecturer.</i>
E. ADOLPH ANDERSON,	<i>Grand Captain of Host.</i>
E. HENRY G. BLUMENTHAL,	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
E. CHARLES F. DINSMORE,	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
E. JOHN A. HOUGHTON,	<i>Grand Master Third Veil.</i>
E. SAM H. GOODWIN,	<i>Grand Master Second Veil.</i>
E. WILLIAM A. RADDON,	<i>Grand Master First Veil.</i>
DANIEL DUNNE,	<i>Grand Sentinel.</i>

B. G. BLACKMAN, Grand High Priest.

WALTER DANIELS, Grand Secretary.

W. T. T.

WASHINGTON.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington, assembled in Thirtieth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, Walla Walla, Washington, September 21 and 22, 1914, and was called to order by M. E. Grand High Priest JOHN C. MINTON.

The following Grand Officers were present:

Companion JOHN C. MINTON, . .	<i>M. M. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ HENRY L. KENNAN, . .	<i>R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest.</i>
“ CHARLES P. KIMBALL, . .	<i>R. E. Grand King.</i>
“ FRANK G. H. BAKER, . .	<i>R. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ HORACE W. TYLER, . .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ YANCEY C. BLALOCK, . .	<i>R. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

“	JOHN C. KIRKMAN, . . .	<i>E. and Rev. Grand Chaplain.</i>
“	CHARLES G. SMYTH, . . .	<i>E. Grand Captain of Host.</i>
“	JACOB H. MILLER, . . .	<i>E. Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“	FREDERICK W. COLEGROVE, . . .	<i>E. Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
“	EDWIN H. VANPATTEN, . . .	<i>E. Grand Master Third Veil.</i>
“	FRED L. JANECK, . . .	<i>E. Grand Master Second Veil.</i>
“	JOHN M. ARNSTON, . . .	<i>E. Grand Master First Veil.</i>
“	WILLIAM O. NICHOLSON, . . .	<i>Grand Steward.</i>
“	CAREY S. HAYNES, . . .	<i>Grand Sentinel.</i>

Six Past Grand Officers and Representatives of all but six Chapters were also present.

Companion ELLSWORTH E. SHAW delivered an eloquent address of welcome, which was responded to by R. E. Companion HENRY L. KENNAN, Deputy Grand High Priest.

We quote the following from Companion SHAW's address:

“It is peculiarly fitting that you are assembled here today—for here was the beginning of this Chapter. Here the pioneers of Chapter Masonry in Washington met and under difficulties perfected an organization.

“Since then thirty years have passed to the realm of yesterdays, and this morning, on roll call, only Companion William Glasford answers ‘Adsum’ to his name. . . . Companion William Glasford alone survives and in his name I bid you welcome.

“Since that long departed day the face of our city and State has undergone vast changes; from extreme isolation we are coming into the center of affairs; growth undreamed of, resources beyond our highest imagination are ours; great cities where were but small hamlets. The Chapters represented in the first Grand Chapter have grown to colossal size and are housed in what would have seemed palaces to our pioneers. All these things have come to pass—the physical changes have been beyond our wildest dreams—yet Freemasonry still survives unchanged; its principles need no modification to meet the changed conditions. The principles of Fraternity, Liberty, Equality, do not vary with wealth or station!

“The growth of this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry; its strength and vigor, which are so well represented here this morning, coming

as you do from the flower of our States' manhood, speak volumes for the organization which is the foundation of all Masonic orders; the Blue Lodge—which has so well stood as a rock upon which to build all the superstructure represented here today. The Masonic Fraternity has fully kept pace with all progress in city and State. Your own Body—which left us thirty years ago an infant in swaddling clothes—returns in the full panoply of manhood with the strength of a great organization behind it.

“Walla Walla was hopeful of your future at your last visit: She is doubly glad and proud to have you again within her borders. She herself has changed from a town—by courtesy called a ‘City’. She has grown into a place of beautiful homes, with schools, churches and fraternal organizations which minister fully to the moral and spiritual needs of our people. From the Blue Mountains in the distance—which lift our thoughts above the prosaic things of today into the realm of the delectable mountains—from the rolling wheat fields of our foot-hills—and the bending trees of our valleys, which spell content and happiness, if not wealth, to our people. From all of these—which are the very foundation and life of our city—from all of these comes ‘Hail and Welcome to your Order.’ ”

We quote from the address of the Grand High Priest:

“Companions, the wheel of time has made another round, and another year has gone by.

“And we have assembled again to consider the past, and plan for the future, and review the work of the officers of this Grand Chapter, into whose hands you have placed the enforcement of your laws during the past year.

“I sincerely welcome all of you to this the thirtieth Convocation. I believe it is good to gather together and renew old friendships. Perhaps the greatest benefit derived from our Annual Convocations is the closer association of our Companions who are interested in our progress, and the more intimate knowledge of our desires and needs is made known to all, and our labors are directed towards spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection to unite our efforts into one common mass or edifice, which shall show forth the beauties of speculative Masonry.

“To those of us who have been attending these Grand Convocations for several years, it is a time of fraternal greeting and brotherly fellowship, and we look forward to these gatherings with a great deal of pleasure.

“The year has been one of quiet work. But few important questions have arisen for decision. . . .

“To me it has been a matter of sincere regret that I have not been able to personally visit more of our Chapters; but matters so arranged themselves as to make it impossible for me to see more of them at work. It was not a lack of desire that brought this about. Some of the fondest remembrances of my year as Grand High Priest will center about my visits to the Chapters and the friendship's formed.”

On October 18, 1913, the Grand High Priest, assisted by his Grand Officers, constituted Sunnyside Chapter No. 36, at Sunnyside, and installed its officers.

On November 11, 1913, the Grand High Priest constituted Keystone Chapter No. 37, at South Tacoma, and installed its officers.

On November 22, 1913, the Grand High Priest issued a proxy to R. E. YANCEY C. BLALOCK, Grand Secretary, to constitute Goldendale Chapter No. 35, at Goldendale, Washington, and install its officers. Acting as a Special Deputy, M. E. Companion BLALOCK performed this duty on November 28, 1913.

On January 13, 1914, the Grand High Priest installed the officers of Bellingham Bay Chapter No. 12.

During the year the Grand High Priest visited twenty-five Chapters. It is noted, however, that at nine of these meetings no work was done.

The following clipping will give an idea of some of the conditions with which the Grand Chapter has to contend:

“Having been requested by the Companions and Brothers of Walla Walla, to change the time of meeting of the Thirtieth Annual Con-

vocation of the Grand Chapter from September 14 and 15, to September 21 and 22, 1914, on account of County Fair and 'Frontier Days' celebration, which was to begin on September 14th and continue during that week. After securing the opinion of many Grand and Past Grand Officers, and believing it for the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction, I issued my edict on April 14, 1914, changing the date of the Annual Convocation from September 14 and 15, to September 21 and 22, 1914, and I trust you will concur in my action.

"And I would recommend that the Jurisprudence Committee be authorized to draft some law which will cover such cases and present it to this Grand Chapter, in order to relieve the Grand High Priest of the embarrassment of changing the time of meeting."

Dispensations were granted for two new Chapters—one to be located at Port Angeles, in Clallam County and the other to be located at Issaquah, in King County.

In addition to his many other duties the Grand High Priest inspected the office of the Grand Secretary, which he found in excellent condition.

This is but a brief account of the official acts of JOHN C. MINTON, Grand High Priest.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance of cash on hand of \$4,850.06 in the General Fund, and \$1,077 in the Home Fund.

We quote the following from the report of the Grand Secretary:

"The issuance of Commissions to Grand Representatives to and from other Grand Jurisdictions has taken much time and trouble during the past year, to say nothing of the expense, as it has taken from three to six letters to get each commission settled. But as it only occurs once in three years I suppose we ought not to complain as it pleases some people to stand up and be looked at and talked to.

"A tabulated statement of the annual returns shows 328 exaltations; 87 affiliations; 15 reinstatements; 37 dismissions; 131 dropped N. P. D.;

37 died; giving a total membership on June 30th of 4,378, and a net gain for the year of 226.

“After much correspondence I have secured a limited supply of Monitors and in this connection I would strongly urge the adoption of some Monitor which follows more closely the Ritual of the General Grand Chapter as I have had many complaints from the members of Chapters along this line and also as the present Monitor can only be purchased from one supply house, who seem to think they own the Royal Arch World.”

M. E. Companion YANCEY C. BLALOCK has served the Grand Chapter as Grand Secretary for twenty-five years.

The reviewer regrets that space will not permit an abstract of the most interesting and instructive lecture by the Grand Orator, Companion JOHN REX THOMPSON, on Masonry in the Philippines. We have in this ten pages of Masonic history, which perhaps cannot be found in any other place.

The following are the Grand Officers for the ensuing Masonic year:

HENRY L. KENNAN,	Spokane,	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
CHARLES P. KIMBALL,	Bremerton,	<i>R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest.</i>
FRANK G. H. BAKER,	Seattle,	<i>R. E. Grand King.</i>
CHARLES G. SMYTH,	Leavenworth,	<i>R. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
HORACE W. TYLER,	Tacoma,	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
YANCEY C. BLALOCK,	Walla Walla,	<i>R. E. Grand Secretary.</i>
REV. JOHN C. KIRKMAN,	Spokane,	<i>E. Grand Chaplain.</i>
JACOB H. MILLER,	Wenatchee,	<i>E. Grand Captain of Host.</i>
FREDERICK W. COLGROVE,	Seattle,	<i>E. Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
EDWIN H. VANPATTEN,	Dayton,	<i>E. Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
FRED L. JANECK,	North Yakima,	<i>E. Grand Master Third Veil.</i>
JOHN M. ARNSTON,	Tacoma,	<i>E. Grand Master Second Veil.</i>
WILLIAM O. NICHOLSON,	Bellingham,	<i>E. Grand Master First Veil.</i>
CAREY S. HAYNES,	Walla Walla,	<i>E. Grand Orator.</i>
SAMUEL S. ENSLOW,	Spokane,	<i>E. Grand Steward.</i>
WILLIAM E. YATES,		<i>E. Grand Sentinel.</i>

W. T. T.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The Forty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia was held in Masonic Temple, in the city of Clarksburg, on Monday and Tuesday evenings, the tenth and eleventh days of November, A. D. 1913, A. I. 2443, at seven-thirty o'clock P. M.

The Roll was called and the following members were found to be present:

FRANCIS E. NICHOLS,	.	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
WM. T. RITTENHOUSE,	.	.	.	<i>R. E. Grand King.</i>
W. TAYLOR WORKMAN,	.	.	.	<i>R. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
SAM'L N. MYERS, P.G.H.P.,	.	.	.	<i>R. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
D. K. REED, P.G.H.P.,	.	.	.	<i>R. E. Grand Secretary.</i>
JOHN W. ASHLEY,	.	.	.	<i>E. Grand Lecturer.</i>
RT. REV. W. L. GRAVATT,	.	.	.	<i>E. Grand Chaplain.</i>
A. B. C. BRAY,	.	.	.	<i>E. Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
W. K. BOWDEN,	.	.	.	<i>E. Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
L. H. CLARK,	.	.	.	<i>E. Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
GEORGE E. GREYNOLDS,	.	.	as	<i>E. Grand Master 3d Veil.</i>
JOHN M. M'CONIHAY,	.	.	as	<i>E. Grand Master 2d Veil.</i>
THOMAS M. TURNER,	.	.	.	<i>E. Grand Master 1st Veil.</i>
WALTER J. BOYDSON,	.	.	.	<i>E. Grand Marshal.</i>
EDWIN K. STOUT,	.	.	.	<i>E. Grand Tyler.</i>

Thirteen Past Grand High Priests and Representatives of thirty-eight Chapters were also present. Among the distinguished visitors was Companion THOMAS CLERNAND, of New York City, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, near the Grand Chapter of New York.

The address of the Grand High Priest contains some important facts in connection with the history

of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, from which we quote:

“As a mark of esteem and the important part taken by Adoniram Chapter in the formation of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, a short history of the early difficulties overcome, and the considerations of each other's welfare, will not be out of place, and to those of our younger Companions may prove interesting.

“When it was proposed to form the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, there were only nine Subordinate Chapters within its borders. Most of them being in a dormant condition, Richmond being so far away, Capitular Masonry was drifting. These nine Chapters were scattered, as follows:

“Jerusalem, No. 5—Charles Town, Jefferson Co.

“Lebanon No. 9—Martinsburg, Berkeley Co.

“Bethesda No. 16—Middleway, Jefferson Co.

“Star of the West No. 18—Point Pleasant, Mason Co.

“Wheeling Union No. 19—Wheeling, Ohio Co.

“Nelson No. 26—Morgantown, Monongalia Co.

“Dove No. 37—Union, Monroe Co.

“Clinton No. 49—Lewisburg, Greenbrier Co.

“Jerusalem No. 55—Parkersburg, Wood Co.

“When it was decided to organize this Grand Chapter, those in the southern part of the state as well as those in Berkeley preferred to remain with the mother Grand Chapter. Deducting these four, the representatives of five Chapters met in Wheeling and formally organized by electing the late Thomas H. Logan as Grand High Priest and Odel S. Long as Grand Secretary, and by those two Companions many of the difficulties were happily adjusted. Only five widely scattered Chapters looked very discouraging, but they builded better than they knew. There were two Chapters under dispensation from the Grand Chapter of Virginia, i. e., Orient at Fairmont and Adoniram at Clarksburg. The Grand Chapter of Virginia in the most fraternal spirit granted permission for these two, having found the records in proper form, to decide where they wished to belong. In due time Orient certified to the Grand Secretary that it had decided to belong to West Virginia, while on the other hand Adoniram preferred to remain with the Grand Chapter of Virginia, and consequently was so chartered and entered on its record. Then ensued quite a correspondence, the laws being very clear as to the control of the Grand Chapter of this state. On the thirteenth day of November, 1873, I cull this from the address of the Grand High Priest, Thos. H. Logan: ‘It gives me great pleasure to announce that on the 22nd of last May Adoniram Chapter at Clarksburg, Harrison County, voluntarily applied for recognition as a con-

stituent of this Grand Chapter and I am happy to welcome to this Grand Convocation the duly accredited representative of that Chapter. It is but proper to state that the fraternal spirit manifested by this Grand Chapter in its treatment of the questions arising out of the original formation of Adoniram Chapter found a ready response in the Grand Chapter of Virginia, and to the good counsel of the Companions in the old state and, in no less degree, to the pacific disposition of the Companions of Adoniram Chapter themselves, do we owe the amicable solution of a question which, under other circumstances, might have resulted in much discord and bitterness of spirit between those whose only contention should be of good works and good influence.

“ ‘So you see, Companions of Adoniram Chapter, you have a goodly heritage. In those early days numbers did not count, . . . there were only twenty, forty years ago. What wonderful changes have taken place in this city since that faithful band organized this Subordinate Chapter.’ ”

The balance of the Grand High Priest's address is devoted to a record of his official acts.

FRANCIS E. NICHOLS, Grand High Priest.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of \$7,662.62.

The Grand Secretary calls attention to the fact that the membership of the Chapters of West Virginia has a little more than doubled in the last ten years. On November 11, 1913, the total membership was 5,943, a net gain of 321 for the year.

The following Grand Officers for the ensuing Capitular year were installed:

WM. T. RITTENHOUSE,	.	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
W. TAYLOR WORKMAN,	.	.	.	<i>R. E. Grand King.</i>
A. BERTRAM C. BRAY,	.	.	.	<i>R. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
SAM'L N. MYERS, P.G.H.P.,	.	.	.	<i>R. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
D. K. REED, P.G.H.P.,	.	.	.	<i>R. E. Grand Secretary.</i>
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STARK L. BAKER,	<i>E. Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
BENJ. A. CARUTHERS,	<i>E. Grand Master 3d Veil.</i>
THOMAS M. TURNER,	<i>E. Grand Master 2d Veil</i>
WALTER J. BOYDSON,	<i>E. Grand Master 1st Veil.</i>
W. E. KRUPP,	<i>E. Grand Marshal.</i>
EDWIN K. STOUT,	<i>E. Grand Tyler.</i>

“When called upon to name his appointive officers, the Grand High Priest-elect, M. E. Companion William T. Rittenhouse, made the following statement, which certainly was well received by all who heard it, as good, wholesome and commendable doctrine, and was responded to by ‘a great round’ of applause:

“ ‘For a long time rotation in office has been the practice of this Grand Body, and it has been the custom for the M. E. G. H. P.-elect to fill the vacancy caused each year with a Companion from his Home Chapter. ‘The brethren are dissatisfied.’” No Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction, be it large or small, is entitled to a Grand Officer in line all the time at the expense of twenty-eight Chapters not represented. Under the present system six Chapters have had three or more Grand Officers in line; three have had two, and seven, one each. Since its organization this Grand Chapter, now composed of thirty-eight Chapters, has had only sixteen Chapters represented in its Grand Offices; twenty-two Chapters have never had the honor. I believe it to be good Masonic doctrine to break established precedent, and commend this course to those who may come after me.’ ”

It will be interesting to see how this plan works out. The principle is right and the conditions evidently demanded the change. There seems to be no just reason why any Chapter or any group of Chapters should monopolize Grand Chapter appointments.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations recommended that a Charter be issued to Tygert Valley Chapter No. 39, at Philippi, with Companion

A. E. BALLACH as High Priest, W. W. FERGUSON, King, and R. E. TALBOTT as Scribe.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Bluefield, on the second Monday of November, 1914.

W. T. RITTENHOUSE, Grand High Priest.

D. K. REED, Grand Secretary.

W. T. T.

CONCLUSION.

The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania has never before had the experience of having to elect from the floor the three throne officers. The station of Most Excellent Grand High Priest became vacant by expiration of the conventional term of two years' service. The vacancy in the station of Most Excellent Grand King was caused by the death of its incumbent in August last, and that of the Most Excellent Grand Scribe by the death of its incumbent in January of the fatal year of 1914. So, at the December Quarterly, a Most Excellent Grand High Priest, a Most Excellent Grand King and a Most Excellent Grand Scribe were elected to serve for the ensuing Masonic year, beginning on the twenty-seventh day of December, 1914.

Excellent likenesses of the deceased Companions appear in the volume of proceedings and tender

and sympathetic In Memoriams testify to their Masonic worth and the fraternal regard in which they were held by the Companions.

Other Jurisdictions have suffered losses by death and the names of these we too have enshrined in our mortuary records.

At the time of going to press last year our conclusion was burdened with the sorrowful strain, as we knew at that time of the death of Companion SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, the M. E. Grand Scribe, but we did not know how soon we would be called upon to mourn for the death of the M. E. Grand King, Companion WINFIELD SCOTT BELL.

And so this year we petition our Heavenly Father, if it be His Will, that our ranks may be unbroken and that the final word in closing the Correspondence Report for 1915 may not have to be penned under a burden of grief.

S. B.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1795-1914

YEAR	FIRST GRAND CHIEF	SECOND GRAND CHIEF	THIRD GRAND CHIEF	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1795	William Ball				
1796	William M. Smith	Praise Wadman	John Service	Daniel McKarraher	P. LeBarbier Duplessis
1797	Jonathan B. Smith	"	Thomas Town	"	"
1798	"	"	"	"	"
1799	"	"	"	"	"
1800	"	"	"	"	"
1801	"	"	"	"	"
1802	"	"	"	"	"
1803	Israel Israel	Jonathan B. Smith	"	"	"
1804	"	"	"	"	"
1805	"	"	"	"	"
1806	James Milnor	"	Frederick Wolbert	Thomas Amies	"
1807	"	"	John Phillips	"	"
1808	"	"	"	"	Thomas Passmore
1809	"	"	"	"	"
1810	"	"	Frederick Erringer	"	A. H. Cohen
1811	"	"	"	"	Andrew M. Prevost
1812	"	"	"	"	"
1813	"	Frederick Erringer	Walter Kerr	"	"
1814	Richard Tybout	"	B. Jones, Jr.	"	"
1815	Samuel F. Bradford	"	"	"	"
1816	Walter Kerr	"	James McAlpin	"	George E. Blake
1817	"	"	"	"	George A. Baker
1818	Bayse Newcomb	James McAlpin	Lambert Keatting	"	"
1819	"	Lambert Keatting	William McCorkle	"	"
1820	"	William McCorkle	Alphonso C. Ireland	"	"
1821	"	"	Nathan R. Potts	"	"
1822	Josiah Randall	Nathan R. Potts	Henry Horn	Frederick Erringer	"
1823	"	"	"	"	"
1824	Michael Nisbet	Henry Horn	Elhanen W. Keyser	"	Nathan R. Potts

YEAR	GRAND HIGH PRIEST	GRAND KING	GRAND SCRIBE	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1825	Michael Nisbet	John Steele, Jr.	Tristram B. Freeman	Frederick Erringer	Nathan R. Potts
1826	John Steele, Jr.	Tristram B. Freeman	Joseph S. Riley	"	"
1827	Tristram B. Freeman	Joseph S. Riley	John M. Read	"	Samuel H. Thomas
1828	Joseph S. Riley	John M. Read	Samuel H. Perkins	"	"
1829	John M. Read	Samuel H. Perkins	Thomas Kittera	Joseph S. Riley	"
1830	"	"	Enos S. Gandy	"	"
1831	"	"	"	"	"
1832	Samuel H. Perkins	Enos S. Gandy	John Y. Black	"	"
1833	"	"	"	"	"
1834	Enos S. Gandy	John Y. Black	Joseph R. Chandler	"	John M. Read
1835	John Y. Black	Joseph R. Chandler	Francis Cooper	"	Samuel H. Perkins
1836	Joseph R. Chandler	Francis Cooper	George S. Schott	"	"
1837	"	"	"	"	Samuel M. Stewart
1838	"	"	"	Charles Stout	"
1839	"	"	"	"	"
1840	"	Alexander Diamond	George Smith	"	Bayse Newcomb
1841	Alexander Diamond	George Smith	William Whitney	"	Michael Nisbet
1842	"	William Whitney	William Barger	"	"
1843	William Whitney	William Barger	John G. Russell	John Thomson	William H. Adams
1844	"	"	John W. McGrath	"	"
1845	William Barger	John W. McGrath	John J. Krider	"	"
1846	"	"	James Simpson	"	"
1847	John W. McGrath	John J. Krider	"	"	"
1848	John J. Krider	James Simpson	David C. Skerrett	"	"
1849	James Simpson	David C. Skerrett	Edward P. Lescure	"	"
1850	David C. Skerrett	Edward P. Lescure	Ant. Bournonville	"	"
1851	"	"	"	"	"
1852	Edward P. Lescure	Ant. Bournonville	Robert Frazer	"	"
1853	"	"	"	"	"
1854	Ant. Bournonville	Harman Baugh	Robert McCulloch	"	"
1855	Harman Baugh	John C. Smith	Daniel Thompson	"	"
1856	"	"	"	"	"
1857	John C. Smith	Daniel Thompson	Jere. L. Hutchinson	"	"

YEAR	GRAND HIGH PRIEST	GRAND KING	GRAND SCRIBE	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1858	Daniel Thompson	Benjamin Parke	Harman Yerkes	John Thomson	William H. Adams
1859	"	"	"	"	"
1860	Benjamin Parke	Harman Yerkes	Jere. L. Hutchinson	"	"
1861	Harman Yerkes	Jere. L. Hutchinson	George W. Wood	Peter Williamson	"
1862	Jere. L. Hutchinson	George W. Wood	Samuel C. Perkins	"	"
1863	"	"	"	"	"
1864	George W. Wood	Samuel C. Perkins	George Griscom	"	"
1865	"	"	"	"	"
1866	Samuel C. Perkins	George Griscom	Michael Nisbet	"	"
1867	"	"	"	"	"
1868	George Griscom	Michael Nisbet	Charles E. Meyer	"	John Thomson
1869	"	"	"	"	"
1870	Michael Nisbet	Charles E. Meyer	John Wilson, Jr.	"	"
1871	"	"	"	"	"
1872	Charles E. Meyer	John Wilson, Jr.	Andrew Robeno, Jr.	Thomas Brown	"
1873	"	"	"	"	"
1874	Andrew Robeno, Jr.	Robert H. Pattison	George E. Wagner	Thomas R. Patton	"
1875	"	"	"	"	"
1876	George E. Wagner	Alfred R. Potter	Wm. C. Hamilton	"	"
1877	Alfred R. Potter	William C. Hamilton	Hibbert P. John	"	"
1878	"	"	"	"	"
1879	William C. Hamilton	Hibbert P. John	Augustus R. Hall	"	"
1880	"	"	"	"	"
1881	Hibbert P. John	Augustus R. Hall	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	"	Charles E. Meyer
1882	"	"	"	"	"
1883	Augustus R. Hall	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	Matt's H. Henderson	"	"
1884	"	"	"	"	"
1885	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	Matt's H. Henderson	James S. Barber	"	"
1886	"	"	"	"	"
1887	Matt's H. Henderson	James S. Barber	Alex. H. Morgan	"	"
1888	"	"	"	"	"
1889	James S. Barber	Alex. H. Morgan	Edgar A. Tennis	"	"
1890	"	"	"	"	"

YEAR	GRAND HIGH PRIEST	GRAND KING	GRAND SCRIBE	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1891	Alex. H. Morgan	Edgar A. Tennis	Ezra S. Bartlett	Thomas R. Patton	Charles E. Meyer
1892	“	“	“	“	“
1893	Edgar A. Tennis	Ezra S. Bartlett	Richard M. Johnson	“	Charles Cary
1894	“	“	“	“	“
1895	Ezra S. Bartlett	Richard M. Johnson	Michael W. Jacobs	“	“
1896	“	“	“	“	“
1897	Richard M. Johnson	Michael W. Jacobs	Edward B. Spencer	“	“
1898	“	“	“	“	“
1899	Michael W. Jacobs	Edward B. Spencer	H. Oscar Kline	“	“
1900	“	“	“	“	“
1901	Edward B. Spencer	H. Oscar Kline	J. Henry Williams	“	“
1902	“	“	“	“	“
1903	H. Oscar Kline	J. Henry Williams	William B. Meredith	“	“
1904	“	“	“	“	“
1905	J. Henry Williams	William B. Meredith	Carl A. Sundstrom	“	“
1906	“	“	“	“	“
1907	William B. Meredith	Carl A. Sundstrom	A. G. Criswell Smith	“	“
1908	“	“	“	Edward B. Spencer	“
1909	Carl A. Sundstrom	A. G. Criswell Smith	George B. Wells	“	“
1910	“	“	“	“	“
1911	A. G. Criswell Smith	George B. Wells	Winfield S. Bell	“	“
1912	“	“	“	“	“
1913	George B. Wells	Winfield S. Bell	Samuel Laughlin	“	“
1914	“	“	“	“	Stockton Bates
1915	Porter W. Lowry	Thomas McConnell, Jr.	David J. Davis	“	“

THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1914.
ITS CHAPTERS, PLACE AND TIME OF MEETING, AND SECRETARIES.

No.	NAME	CONSTITUTED IN	PLACE OF MEETING	TIME OF MEETING	NAME AND ADDRESS OF SECRETARY
3	Jerusalem	1758	Philadelphia	Third Monday	Charles S. Wood, Philadelphia
21	Perseverance	1827	Harrisburg	First Monday	Charles C. Shriver, Harrisburg
43	1826	Lancaster	Third Thursday	Milton E. Gingrich, Lancaster
52	Harmony	1794	Philadelphia	First Friday	James H. Anderson, Philadelphia
91	Columbia	1822	Philadelphia	Third Wednesday	William P. Buzby, Philadelphia
150	Washington	1827	Washington	First Thursday	Wm. Bowland Ritchie, Washington
152	Reading	1827	Reading	Second Monday	William D. Butler, Reading
159	Schuylkill	1838	Minersville	Third Thursday	Frank W. Simmons, Minersville
161	Union	1845	Towanda	Second Wednesday	John W. Coddling, Towanda
162	Zerubbabel	1836	Pittsburgh	First Tuesday	Samuel R. Caskey, Pittsburgh
163	La Fayette	1848	Lock Haven	Third Thursday	John Noble, Lock Haven
164	Brownsville	1849	Brownsville	Second Tuesday	William Seddon, Brownsville
165	Union	1849	Uniontown	Second Thursday	Luke H. Frasher, Uniontown
166	Mt. Moriah	1849	Holidaysburg	Third Tuesday	Harry M. Hensley, Holidaysburg
167	Eureka	1849	Rochester	Second Friday	James W. Doncaster, Rochester
169	Philadelphia	1850	Philadelphia	Second Wednesday	John M. Zook, Philadelphia
170	Delta	1851	New Castle	First Tuesday	Edward L. Smith, New Castle
171	St. John's	1852	Carlisle	First Thursday	William A. Kamarer, Carlisle
172	Temple	1853	Tunkhannock	Monday after full moon	Bradley W. Lewis, Tunkhannock
173	Easton	1853	Easton	Second Thursday	Edward B. Arndt, Easton
174	Northumberland ..	1853	Sunbury	Third Tuesday	Jacob R. Cressinger, Sunbury
175	Keystone	1853	Philadelphia	Fourth Monday	Allen C. Middleton, Philadelphia
176	George Washington	1854	Chambersburg ..	Third Monday	Edmund J. Heart, Chambersburg
177	Tamaqua	1854	Tamaqua	Friday after full moon	James W. Kershner, Tamaqua
178	Catawissa	1855	Catawissa	Second Wednesday	Luther B. Kline, Catawissa
179	Eureka	1855	Carbondale	Second Wednesday	Horace G. Likely, Carbondale
180	Warren	1854	Montrose	Wednesday after full moon ..	Freeman I. Lott, Montrose
181	Lilly	1855	Mauch Chunk	Third Tuesday	J. Martin Ross, Mauch Chunk

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182	Shekinah	1856	Wilkes-Barre	Third Monday	John G. Torborg, Wilkes-Barre
183	Oriental	1856	Philadelphia	Third Thursday	Stockton Bates, Philadelphia
185	Lackawanna	1856	Scranton	Second Tuesday	James Francis Wardle, Scranton
186	Lewistown	1856	Lewistown	Third Tuesday	W. F. Eckbert, Jr., Lewistown
187	Oriental	1856	Conneautville	Third Friday	Hervey White, Conneautville
189	Mountain	1858	Altoona	First Thursday	Joseph M. Howe, Altoona
190	Norristown	1858	Norristown	Second Monday	William E. Perry, Norristown
191	Solomon	1858	Meadville	Second Tuesday	O. Clare Kent, Meadville
192	Urania	1859	Greensburg	Thursday after third Tuesday..	Harry M. Yont, Greensburg
193	Duquesne	1859	Pittsburgh	Second Friday	Harry J. Weimar, Pittsburgh
194	Tyoga	1859	Wellsboro	Second Tuesday	Henry E. Raesly, Wellsboro
195	Portage	1859	Johnstown	Third Tuesday	Willis A. G. Lape, Johnstown
196	Mountain City ..	1859	Pottsville	Fourth Monday	Isaac Sotzin, Pottsville
197	Weidle	1860	Lebanon	Second Tuesday	William Winfred Walter, Lebanon
198	Phoenix	1861	Phoenixville	Saturday after full moon	Edwin H. McAllister, Phoenixville
199	Howell	1864	York	Second Wed. after first Monday	John H. Bennett, York
200	Columbus	1865	Corry	Second Tuesday	Perrie G. Wood, Corry
201	Standing Stone ..	1865	Huntingdon	Third Monday	William L. Johnston, Huntingdon
202	Howell	1866	West Chester	Second Monday	Barclay Lear, West Chester
203	Allen	1866	Allentown	First Monday	Robert Campbell, Allentown
204	Anthony Wayne ..	1866	Honesdale	Tuesday on or after full moon..	Arthur M. Leine, Honesdale
205	Factoryville	1866	Factoryville	Thurs. on or before full moon..	Fred M. Francis, Dalton
206	Harmony	1866	Beaver Falls	First Thursday	Harry F. Hawkins, Beaver Falls
207	Aaron	1866	Titusville	Third Friday	Emory J. Badger, Titusville
208	Germanatown	1866	Germanatown, Phila.	Third Monday	E. R. Stevens, Germanatown, Phila.
209	Samuel C. Perkins	1866	Mechanicsburg ...	Second Monday	Harry C. Harper, Mechanicsburg
210	Great Bend	1866	Great Bend	Second Thursday	Thomas Summerton, Great Bend
211	Venango	1866	Franklin	Second Friday	Charles D. Elliott, Franklin
212	Mound	1866	Greenville	Fourth Monday	Fred W. Moser, Greenville
214	Valley	1867	Plymouth	Fourth Friday	Samuel U. Shaffer, Plymouth
215	Temple	1867	Erie	Second Friday	Calvin K. Dickinson, Erie
216	Zinzendorf	1867	Bethlehem	Second Tuesday	Matthew J. Schmid, Bethlehem

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217	Allegheny	1868	Pittsburgh, N. S.	First Friday	Harvey P. Wylie, Allegheny
218	Bloomsburg	1868	Bloomsburg	First Thursday	George E. Wilbur, Bloomsburg
219	Griscom	1868	Ashland	Third Thursday	James Magrady, Locust Gap
220	Fort Washington..	1868	Fort Washington..	First Thursday	John M. Krupp, Lansdale
221	Tremont	1869	Tremont	Third Thursday	Robert G. Wheeler, Tremont
222	Lycoming	1869	Williamsport	Second Tuesday	Wm. Clarence King, Williamsport
223	Oxford	1869	Oxford	Wednesday after full moon ..	Joseph Leeke, Oxford
224	Corinthian	1869	Columbia	Second Tuesday	Luther J. Schroeder, Columbia
225	Jefferson	1869	Brookville	First Monday	Buell B. Whitehill, Brookville
226	Siloam	1869	Frankford, Phila..	Third Wednesday	Frank W. G. Mitchell, Phila.
227	Emporium	1870	Emporium	Third Tuesday	John D. Logan, Emporium
228	Clearfield	1870	Clearfield	Third Friday	Frank Urey, Clearfield
230	Elk	1870	Ridgway	Third Tuesday	George L. McCracken, Ridgway
232	St. John	1871	Philadelphia	First Tuesday	William F. Tracy, Philadelphia
233	Kensington	1871	Philadelphia	Fourth Wednesday	Harry H. Brown, Philadelphia
234	Media	1871	Media	Fourth Monday	Ulysses G. Realey, Media
235	Occidental	1871	Warren	Second Monday	Gilbert M. Hevenor, Warren
236	Oil City	1871	Oil City	Third Monday	James A. Long, Oil City
237	Excelsior	1871	Reading	Third Tuesday	William F. Kinch, Reading
238	Newport	1872	Newport	Monday after full moon	Melvin W. Watson, Newport
239	Danville	1872	Danville	First Monday	Bruce A. McCracken, Danville
240	Palestine	1872	Philadelphia	Second Friday	Henry S. Hazlett, Philadelphia
241	Bellefonte	1872	Bellefonte	First Friday	William B. Rankin, Bellefonte
242	Pittston	1873	Pittston	Second Thursday	Louis P. Bierly, Pittston
243	T. B. Freeman ..	1873	Philadelphia	First Tuesday	Charles C. Judd, Philadelphia
244	Norman	1873	Sharon	Second Friday	Edward J. Murchie, Sharon
245	Abington	1873	Jenkintown	Third Tuesday	John C. Fithian, Jenkintown
246	Warrior Run ..	1874	Watson town	Tuesday after full moon	Fred A. Reen, Watson town
247	Orient	1874	Kittanning	Second Monday	William E. McGarvey, Kittanning
248	Temple	1874	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	William H. Ziegler, Philadelphia
249	Monongahela	1874	Monongahela	Third Thursday	Thomas C. Farquhar, Monongahela
250	Coriuthian	1874	Philadelphia	First Monday	William Ross, Philadelphia

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251	Signet	1874	Philadelphia	Fourth Friday	William C. Ash, Philadelphia
252	Mizpah	1875	Mahanoy City ..	Second Thursday	Phaon Hermany, Mahanoy City
254	Arnold	1877	Port Allegany ...	Second Tuesday	George E. Lauer, Port Allegany
255	Bedford	1876	Bedford	Third Thursday	Daniel W. Beam, Bedford
256	University	1877	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	J. Milton Lutz, Llanerch
257	Shiloh	1877	Pittsburgh	Third Monday	George W. Robitzer, Wilkinsburg
258	Chester	1877	Chester	Second Tuesday	Wesley R. Morgan, Chester
259	Eden	1878	Clarion	Second Tuesday	Samuel F. Brush, Clarion
260	Bradford	1880	Bradford	Third Thursday	Frank C. Whitling, Bradford
261	Troy	1882	Troy	Thurs. on or before full moon..	Chas. N. Greene, Troy, Bradford Co.
262	Montgomery	1882	Ardmore	Third Thursday	Joseph C. Egbert, Wayne
263	Coudersport	1882	Coudersport	First Wednesday	Lalon R. Bliss, Coudersport
264	Shamokin	1883	Shamokin	Second Wednesday	John P. Reighard, Shamokin
265	Westfield	1883	Westfield	First Friday	George W. Sutton, Westfield
266	Good Samaritan ..	1886	Gettysburg	Third Thursday	C. William Troxell, Gettysburg
267	Coatesville	1887	Coatesville	Third Thursday	William H. Brown, Coatesville
268	Pittsburgh	1888	Pittsburgh	Second Monday	Archie K. Henderson, Pittsburgh
269	Ulysses	1888	Ulysses	Second Wednesday	Homer K. Lane, Ulysses
270	Doylestown	1889	Doylestown	Tuesday on or before full moon.	Fred 'k Constantine, Doylestown
271	Pottstown	1890	Pottstown	Third Tuesday	Timothy Shive, Pottstown
272	Hebron	1890	Meyersdale	Second Monday	Martin A. Rutter, Meyersdale
273	Butler	1891	Butler	Third Tuesday	William A. Stein, Butler
274	Bangor	1891	Bangor	Third Wednesday	Robert S. Wagner, Bangor
275	Kennett	1892	Kennett Square ..	First Tuesday	James F. Mackereth, Mendenhall
276	The Susquehanna.	1892	Susquehanna	Second Friday	George W. Gleason, Susquehanna
277	Hazleton	1893	Hazleton	Third Monday	Ambrose W. Mason, Hazleton
278	Catasauqua	1894	Catasauqua	Second Monday	Edmund Randall, Catasauqua
279	Kane	1895	Kane	Third Wednesday	Frederick Kime, Kane
280	Cyrus	1898	Carnegie	Third Thursday	William A. Love, Carnegie
281	Monroe	1898	Stroudsburg	Second Friday	Benjamin F. Morey, Stroudsburg
282	McKeesport	1899	McKeesport	Second Thursday	Scott M. Stewart, McKeesport
283	Connellsville	1900	Connellsville.	Third Tuesday	Sam'l G. Zimmerman, Connellsville

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284	Melita	1903	Philadelphia	Second Monday	Samuel Shaw, Philadelphia
285	Wilkinsburg	1904	Wilkinsburg	Second Friday	Albert W. Nicholson, Wilkinsburg
286	Bellevue	1904	Bellevue	Second Friday	Seward M. Ward, Bellevue
287	Nanticoke	1908	Nanticoke	First Monday	Alfred E. Chapin, Nanticoke
288	Mizpeh	1908	Pittsburgh, N. S.	Second Tuesday	George R. Elwell, Pittsburgh, N. S.
289	Valley	1908	Wilmerding	Second Friday	John T. Small, Wilmerding
290	Monessen	1908	Monessen	Second Tuesday	William D. Cowan, Monessen
291	Ezra	1909	South Bethlehem	First Friday	Frank W. Martenis, S. Bethlehem
292	Slatington	1909	Slatington	Third Monday	Elmer L. Engle, Slatington
293	Amity	1910	Athens	Second Friday	George D. Bonfoey, Sayre
294	Darius	1911	McDonald	Third Tuesday	Benjamin Frankle, McDonald
295	Siegfried	1913	Siegfried	Third Tuesday	George P. Stem, Northampton
296	Zebulum	1913	Blossburg	Second Wednesday	James Roy Bonney, Blossburg
297	Homewood	1913	Pittsburgh	Second Thursday	William C. Beckett, Pittsburgh
298	Milton	1914	Milton	Second Friday	Frederic A. Godecharles, Milton

MARK LODGES.

214	Girard	1847	Philadelphia	Second Tuesday	Harry E. Rulon, Philadelphia
216	Excelsior	1854	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	Samuel W. Wray, Philadelphia

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From General Returns of Chapters to December 27,
1914.

No.	NAME	MARKED	ADM.	DIED	RES.	SUS.	MEMB.
3	Jerusalem	29	4	16	2	12	683
21	Perseverance	22	4	5	2		330
43		6		10	1		349
52	Harmony	29		30	11	8	1,189
91	Columbia	22	3	16	7	18	758
150	Washington	16	2	3	1		286
152	Reading	16	2	5		5	250
159	Schuylkill	2					52
161	Union	7		5	2		209
162	Zerubbabel	84	7	17	1	11	1,227
163	La Fayette	13		2		2	167
164	Brownsville	9	1	3	1	5	155
165	Union	3	1	3	2		231
166	Mount Moriah	6					115
167	Eureka	18	3	2		1	174
169	Philadelphia	14		8	3		253
170	Delta	35	5	3	5	3	382
171	St. John's	13		2	1		150
172	Temple	2		2		1	114
173	Easton	12		6	1	5	306
174	Northumberland	9	1	1	1	1	153
175	Keystone	23	6	11	4	5	670
176	George Washington	6		2			156
177	Tamaqua	5					82
178	Catawissa						44
179	Eureka	7		5		2	178
180	Warren	3		2			47
181	Lilly	12		3			141
182	Shekinah	8	7	7	2	8	350
183	Oriental	68	8	24	6	51	1,243
185	Lackawanna	12	3	4	1	4	434
186	Lewistown	8		4		1	112
187	Oriental	3					93
189	Mountain	20		4		7	383
190	Norristown	7		9		1	418

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191	Solomon	20		1		125
192	Urania	7	2	7	1	342
193	Duquesne	26	2	10	3	988
194	Tioga		1			55
195	Portage	20		7		276
196	Mountain City	8		5	2	167
197	Weidle	2		5		182
198	Phœnix	13		2		260
199	Howell	10	19	4	1	252
200	Columbus	12		3		106
201	Standing Stone	6	1	4		105
202	Howell	20	2	1		173
203	Allen	63	1	2	1	353
204	Anthony Wayne	8		1	2	96
205	Factoryville		1	1		67
206	Harmony	9		3		222
207	Aaron	4		1		75
208	Germantown	11	1	8	1	326
209	Samuel C. Perkins	1		3		78
210	Great Bend	3				32
211	Venango	14	14	3	1	227
212	Mound	8		2	2	217
214	Valley	1		1		83
215	Temple	70	5	7	1	459
216	Zinzendorf	10	1	1		124
217	Allegheny	41	3	17	1	832
218	Bloomsburg	2		1	1	89
219	Griscom	3		2	1	113
220	Fort Washington	10	1	1	1	95
221	Tremont	2		1		81
222	Lycoming	12		8	6	462
223	Oxford	3		3		108
224	Corinthian	7	1	1		135
225	Jefferson	9		3	3	284
226	Siloam	18	2	4	1	309
227	Emporium	2		4		92
228	Clearfield	17	8	4	1	222
230	Elk	5	2	1	3	157
232	St. John	22	2	6	3	274
233	Kensington	26		9	1	546
234	Media	25	1	3		157

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235	Occidental	5			3	171
236	Oil City	4	1	3		1 242
237	Excelsior	12	1	10	1	7 466
238	Newport		1			71
239	Danville				1	1 73
240	Palestine	45	4	14	3	11 657
241	Bellefonte	2		1		95
242	Pittston	6				3 172
243	T. B. Freeman	25	1	16	2	6 839
244	Norman	18		2		4 235
245	Abington	10				7 138
246	Warrior Run	11			56	110
247	Orient	8		6	3	5 251
248	Temple	9	2	3	2	9 297
249	Monongahela	11		2		1 206
250	Corinthian	12	1	6		7 347
251	Signet	18	2	6	3	7 249
252	Mizpah	4		4		94
254	Arnold					1 44
255	Bedford	8		2		97
256	University	73	11	8	10	5 853
257	Shiloh	17	3	10	1	611
258	Chester	19		6	2	2 390
259	Eden	7		1	1	188
260	Bradford	10	5	2	3	4 266
261	Troy	4				90
262	Montgomery	11		5	2	226
263	Coudersport	1			1	89
264	Shamokin	6		1		1 155
265	Westfield	3		1		1 43
266	Good Samaritan	13		1		120
267	Coatesville	6		2		196
268	Pittsburgh	23	2	6	5	560
269	Ulysses		1	2	1	3 43
270	Doylestown	3		1		126
271	Pottstown	10		3	1	214
272	Hebron	11				105
273	Butler	10	3	3		5 259
274	Bangor	5		1		1 108
275	Kennett	4		1	1	73
276	The Susquehanna	3		1	1	2 69

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277	Hazleton	6	4	1		8 172
278	Catasauqua	6			1	4 113
279	Kane	7		1	3	5 86
280	Cyrus	47	4	5	2	3 373
281	Monroe	1				2 118
282	McKeesport	25		7	2	4 641
283	Connellsville	4		1		3 153
284	Melita	22		6	9	710
285	Wilkinsburg	17		5		11 335
286	Bellevue	20	3	2	1	304
287	Nanticoke			1		1 28
288	Mizpeh	12		1		3 222
289	Valley	18		1		177
290	Monessen	13		1		3 154
291	Ezra	5				98
292	Slatington	8		2		70
293	Amity	12				89
294	Darius	17				90
295	Siegfried	10				75
296	Zebulun	6				31
297	Homewood	33	2			129
298	Milton	20	8			82
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